

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	SATURDAY, 9/4/04	22:00 CONTENT
JANE PAULEY SHOW	12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Saturday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

JANE PAULEY SHOW – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host is Jane Pauley, a news reporter / investigator. The show airs Monday – Friday, 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2004

1. CRIMES & LAW ISSUES
2. TEACHER STRIKES & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES
3. HOSPITAL MERGERS & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
4. SALMONELLA OUTBEAK
5. KAUFMAN'S BANKRUPTCY & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES
6. ELECTION / POLITICAL ISSUES
7. PA SLOT MACHINES
8. GOVERNMENT ISSUES
9. 199 ACID ROCK & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
10. FLASH FLOODING PROBLEMS
11. PLAYGROUND SAFETY & OTHER SAFETY ISSUES
12. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS ISSUES
13. MOUNT NITTANY STRIKE
14. WOMEN'S ISSUES
15. TEEN ISSUES
16. FAMILY ISSUES
17. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

Public Service Announcement Listing

3rd Quarter 2004 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Description	Length
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW			
"CRIMINAL RECORD"	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTER	ONE IN FOUR BULLIES WILL HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD BY THE AGE OF 30	:30
"IDENTITY THEFT"	U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE	JERRY ORBACH - ON IDENTITY THEFT	:15
"DABRUZIO"	AD COUNCIL	ED MCMANN SOLICITING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM	:30
"NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH"	AD COUNCIL	ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS	:30
ISSUE: EDUCATION			
"OPERATION GRADUATION"	AD COUNCIL	MONTAGE OF KIDS TELLING ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND TO STAY IN SCHOOL	:30
ISSUE: HEALTH			
"CROSSWALK"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	DIFFERENT PEOPLE SAYING HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN CLEAN - RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE	:15
"LOOKS GLAMOROUS"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU THINK	:15
"WILLIAMS / MARCH OF DIMES"	MARCH OF DIMES	VANESSA WILLIAMS TALKING ABOUT THE MARCH OF DIMES AND BIRTH DEFECTS	:30
"MOMS ON MENINGITIS"	NATIONAL MENINGITIS ASSOCIATION	PARENTS WARNING OTHER PARENTS TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN TESTED	:30 :60 :15
"SCHOOL"	AIDS AWARENESS	JANITOR CLEANING OUT EMPTY SCHOOL VOICE WARNING OF AIDS EPIDEMIC AMONG CHILDREN	:30
"WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE"	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM - THEY CAN HELP	:60 :30 :15
"TONY"	DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	TEEN TALKS ABOUT HIS PAST DRUG ABUSE & RECOVERY	:30 :15
"CELEBRATION 2004"	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS	ANCHORS TALKING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRINKING	:30
"DROWNING REV."	DRUG FREE PENNSYLVANIA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10
"JIM"	DRUG FREE PA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT			
"OVERTIME TO SERVE"	DEPARTMENT OF	ENCOURAGING AMERICANS TO SUPPORT OUT	:30

	VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	TROOPS	
ISSUE: WOMEN'S ISSUES			
"PRENATAL "	AD COUNCIL	PREGNANT WOMAN EATING / VOICE GIVES ADVICE FOR PRE-NATAL CARE	:30
"THE WRONG WAY AROUND	WOMEN'S HELP CENTER	EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	:30
ISSUE: SAFETY ISSUES			
"BOOSTER SEAT EDUCATION"	AD COUNCIL	PARENTS TREATING TEST DUMMY AS A CHILD	:30
"HOMELAND SECURITY"	PA DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY"	PA. DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL SECURITY	:30
ISSUE: FAMILY ISSUES			
"7 STEPS TO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN"	DARKNESS TO LIGHT	ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT SEXUAL ABUSE AND RAISE AWARENESS	:30
"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"	AD COUNCIL	CHILD ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	:30
"PLACES"	AD COUNCIL	CHILD ON-LINE TALKING TO POTENTIAL SEXUAL PREDATOR – WARNS PARENTS TO MONITOR ON-LINE USE	:30
ISSUE: TEEN ISSUES			
"NEW WHEELS"	PENNSYLVANIANS AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING	WARNS TEENS OF THE DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING	:30

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW JULY

7/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

MOXHAM MURDER REACTION

Since this week's murder of a Moxham resident inside his home, people from that neighborhood are calling for more police foot patrols. Police say they have many officers undercover in Moxham and that what is really needed is a community watch program. Sophia Wharton reports.

:51 - Package

Randy Gajewski - Moxham resident

7/8/04, 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

HELLER VOTE

Some Logan Township residents are not happy with a decision made by the township supervisors to put Chief Ron Heller on a six-month probation period. Natasha McBroom explains why.

1:17 - Package

Jerry Fulare - Logan Twp. Supervisor

7/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

LOGAN COP FIGHT

The controversial Logan Township meeting Thursday night centered around police chief Ron Heller being put on an additional six month probation period. But another issue surfaced at the meeting; why shouldn't police officers' wives be allowed to sit in on the public township meetings? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:15 - Package

Trina Benzel - Cop's wife

7/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

STATE COLLEGE COP CAMERAS

Are the controversial police cameras in downtown State College making an impact? Police say it is too early to tell.

:43 - SOT/VO

Chief Tom King - State College P.D.

7/16/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

KIDSEX ASSAULTS

More kids are being involved in sexual assault cases or caught in custody battles. It is putting a strain on the legal system and the support programs for children. Gary Sinderson reports.

:41 - Package

Bruce Manchester - Attorney

7/20/04, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BIKE PATROLS

While it is common for police to patrol in their cruisers, the Johnstown Police Department is encouraging more "shoe leather" law enforcement in neighborhoods like Moxham.

:44 - SOT/VO

Craig Foust - Police Chief

7/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

MAGAZINE SCAM

People in one part of Johnstown are being approached by adults selling magazine and asking for half the payment in cash. It is believed to be a scam. Sara Burget reports.

1:07 - Package

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7/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOMELAND SECURITY

The Department of Homeland Security is teaming up with the PA State Police to let everybody know that homeland security is everyone's responsibility.

:44 – SOT/VO

Keith Martin – PA Homeland Security

7/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday David Roush

RESIDENTS MAD

Some Blair County residents are demanding that a Logan Township supervisor step down. It involves the extended probation for Chief Ron Heller. Dave Roush reports.

1:00 – Package

Robert Dennis

7/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

DRUG RAID IMPACT

There was a major drug sweep in the Southern portion of Cambria County that resulted in the arrest of more than 28 dealers. But officials say that the sweep will result in a price increase for the illegal drugs and attract still bigger dealers to the area. Mark Allen reports on the never-ending war against drugs. :

49 – Package

Rod Miller – Cambria County Detective

Dave Tulowitzki – District Attorney

7/29/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Punxsutawney police were escorting pedestrians across the street today to remind drivers that they must yield to pedestrians the right-of-way. It is a Pennsylvania law that many motorists forget.

:54 – SOT/VO

Shaun Houck – PennDOT

Thomas Fedigan, Jr. – Punxsutawney Police Chief

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW ISSUES AUGUST

8/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

INDIANA ARSONS

A firebug is loose in Indiana County. According to the State Police, there were five arsons at the end of July in the eastern part of Indiana County. Mark Allen reports.

1:27 - Package

Trooper Steve Barto - PA State Police

8/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

SMALL TOWN DRUG PROBLEM

More and more drugs are being found in rural communities. Of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania, forty of them have only a part-time District Attorney. D.A.'s who are busy juggling a private practice with their public office are not able to do full-time drug enforcement. Pam Kane reports.

1:00 - Package

Robert Stewart - Huntingdon County D.A.

8/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

HUNT DRUG BUST

It is difficult for police officers in a small town to go undercover to capture drug dealers because everybody knows everybody else. But police in Huntingdon say that it was tips and information from the community that helped them arrest seven dealers this morning. Pam Kane reports.

106 - Package

Mike Swineford - Mount Union Police Department

Charles Streightiff - Huntingdon County Drug Task Force

8/6/04, 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

PHILIPSBURG POLICE

Vandalism incidents in downtown Philipsburg are costing storeowners money there since the town did away with their police force last year.

:28 - VO

8/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CHURCH BURGLARS

State Police think that a couple of church break-ins this weekend may be the work of the same people targeting churches. Not only did they steal, they vandalized.

:35 - VO

8/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

DRUG DOGS

Drug dogs can be dealers' worst enemy. The Bedford County Sheriff's office has two new drug-sniffing dogs. While the escalation of drug abuse is a good reason to get the dogs, they also play a role in the physical apprehending of offenders that cuts down on injury to officers. Katie Collett reports.

1:10 - Package

Sheriff Gordon Diehl - Bedford County Police

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8/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS - MERGERS

Channel 6 News has learned that South Fork's only part-time officer resigned on the first of this month. That leaves the community with no local police coverage, so will they consolidate with a nearby police force? Mark Allen reports that that has worked for some other departments.

1:51 - Package

Capt. Shawn Baird - St. Clair Police

Chief Andy Havas - West Hills Regional Police

8/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

SHERIFF HIRING

It has been an ongoing dispute, how effective is the Blair County Sheriff's office? Natasha McBroom reports that two new deputies have been approved for the sheriff's department. But one county commissioner argues that the department is being rewarded for not getting work done.

:56 - Package

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

Sheriff Larry Fields - Sheriff's Department

8/10/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FEMALE PRISONERS

The Blair County Commissioners have approved a grant program that will help female inmates make the transition back into society so they are not a drain on society.

:31 - SOT/VO

Donna Gority - Blair County Commissioner

8/18/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PAINT POLICE

Mobile computers installed in two Paint Township police cars are giving officers a great advantage when they answer calls. They can check for previous incidents before they arrive at the scene of a call.

:54 - SOT/VO

Chief Wilbert Bailey - Paint Township Police

8/20/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Sara Burget

INDIANA COUNTY FIRE

People in Indiana County were surprised today to hear there was yet another suspicious fire that may be linked to nine others in their community. They're concerned more than ever now, not only about the safety of their buildings, but themselves. Sara Burget reports.

:50 - Package

Walter Lorek - Business owner

Walter Cunningham - Indiana County resident

Crissie Rhue - Saw this morning's fire

8/20/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Natasha McBroom

METH CLINIC

A group of people in Blair County are celebrating today after the location for a possible methadone clinic in Antis Township was eliminated. Natasha McBroom reports.

:50 - Package

Jeff Ziegler - Antis Township Manager

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8/23/04, 12 AM, Monday Jen Kallin

STATE POLICE CHARGE

Towns patrolled by the state police may now be charged for their service at a cost of 95 dollars per resident beyond a certain population.

:44 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

8/24/04, 12 AM Tuesday Jen Kallin

USE OF FORCE

The Police Commissioner from Bethlehem talked to area police officers today about the use of force in different situations and the importance of communication with the community.

:50 – SOT/VO

Francis Donchez – Bethlehem Commissioner

8/25/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SERRANO SUIT

What's the policy when bar workers confront unruly customers and call the police for help? That is one of the issues raised in a federal lawsuit tied to the death of a Penn State student last year. The lawsuit claims that police instructed bar workers to detain the customers until police could arrive. The police deny that.

:40 – SOT/VO

Tom King – State College Police Chief

8/26/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Thursday Pam Kane

BLAIR DRUG RAID

The quiet community of Claysburg awoke to a police raid that nabbed 30 suspected heroin and cocaine dealers. Claysburg is seeing more drug traffic because of its proximity to I99 and the Turnpike. Residents were happy to see law enforcement doing a good job. Pam Kane reports.

:54 – Package

Jerry Pappert – PA Attorney General

Jackie Helsel – Claysburg Resident

8/26/04, 12 AM, Thursday Jen Kallin

INDIANA ARSON

Police in Indiana County say another fire at an empty building has been ruled an arson. A vacant home in Strongstown is number 11 in a string of unresolved arsons.

:30 – VO

8/26/04, 12 AM, Thursday Katie Collett

METH LABS

Methamphetamine has an explosive impact and residents of Blair County want to be prepared because they have already seen signs of it in their neighborhoods. Katie Collett reports on what they learned tonight about recognizing the signs and dangers of a meth lab.

1:00 – Package

Agent Randy Feathers – Office of Attorney General

8/27/04, 5:30 PM, Friday David Roush

DUBOIS VANDALISM

Authorities in Dubois want the vandalism at a city park to stop. Dave Roush spoke to the mayor of DuBois about the problem.

:45 – Package

Herm Suplizio – DuBois mayor

NBC: CRIME ISSUES . . . AUGUST

Dateline

Sunday, 8/1

SCAMS & SCHEMES – Lea Thompson

Curbstoning is a scam where people pose as private sellers of used cars, offering them for sale through want ads or roadside signs. But they aren't really selling their own vehicles. They're really unlicensed hustlers making a business out of selling used cars which often turn out to be quickly fixed up junkers.

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9/13/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

DRUG ABUSE

Congressman Bill Shuster announced today there would be a 330,000 dollar grant to help develop and maintain drug courts in Blair County.

:25 – VO

9/21/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CAMERA SURVEY

Borough officials in State College are now considering whether surveillance cameras downtown have been cost effective after one year of use. The borough is surveying Penn State students and others about the cameras.

:42 – VO/SOT

Tom King – State College Police Chief

9/23/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

METH LABS

More than 100 firefighters, police, and EMS workers learned about the dangers involved in responding to the scene of a meth lab. A training session was held in Cresson tonight to prepare for a problem that is probably headed to Cambria County.

:35 – VO/SOT

Andy Petyak – Special Agent, Drug Enforcement

9/30/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

CORBETT CRIME ISSUE

According to one of the candidates for Attorney General in Pennsylvania, more and more kids are being targeted by Internet predators. He believes we need better education and more investigations. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:07 – Package

Tom Corbett – Attorney General candidate

9/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

PHONE SCAM

How do scam artists get your bank account numbers? That is the question of local residents who have been victimized by a phone scam. Katie Collett has the information.

1:21 – Package

NBC -CRIME / LAW ISSUES SEPTEMBER

Nightly News

Friday, 9/24

In a revealing hour-long report, Dateline correspondent Chris Hansen investigates an epidemic spreading throughout America - sexual predators trolling Internet chat rooms in pursuit of children. The broadcast includes startling confrontations between Hansen and Internet sexual predators caught in the investigation; reactions from parents and children about the report's findings, and gives parents advice about how to protect their children from this pervasive danger.

Michael Okwu reports on older drivers and safety. Is enough being done to see whether they are capable of being behind the wheel.

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7/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CCACC NAME CHANGE

Your identity and image are conveyed in your name. That is why the Cambria County Area Community College has changed its name to the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Anna Weitz / PA Highlands Community College

7/8/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TUITION RISE

Tuition is expected to rise sharply again in the fall at both public and private institutions in the State.

:30 – VO

7/12/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

ADD / GIRLS

About ten times as many boys are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder as girls. Yet, according to Harvard researchers, only two to three times as many boys actually have ADD. So why do so many girls go undiagnosed? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:48 – Package

Dr. Dawn Cook – Psychologist

Laura Givens – Age 17

7/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

ONLINE DIPLOMAS

Online diplomas provide a convenient way for many people with a family and a full-time job to get a degree. But many on-line programs are not legit. They're known as diploma mills and in many cases, offer a degree based on your experience. Education officials say that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Mark Allen reports.

1:50 – Package

Dr. Nick Kolb – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

7/16/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

FACULTY DISCLOSURE

All Pennsylvania colleges could soon be required to do background checks on new faculty.

:26 – VO

7/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TUITION HIKE

The governing board of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities is expected to consider a 4.6 per cent tuition increase at a meeting on Thursday. It follows constant increases over several years.

:33 – VO

7/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Mark Allen

TUITION HIKE

The Governing Board of the State System of Higher Education approved a tuition hike yet again for both in state and out of state undergrads.

:25 – VO

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7/26/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BREAK BEFORE COLLEGE

From the moment students start high school, the frenzied non-stop trek to college begins. But these days, more colleges are encouraging high school grads to take some time off before starting college. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:54 – Package

Annie Van Beuninger – Age 17

Adam Lips – Emory Admissions

7/29/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Pam Kane

BEDFORD SUMMER SCHOOL

The Bedford School District is one of the first in the state to tap into money from the Department of Education to give students extra help with reading, writing, and math as they prepare for the new school year. The program is sponsored by the Learning Lamp and focuses on building basic skills. Pam Kane reports.

1:04 – Package

Leighanne Shinglgeton Bedford Elementary

Corey McDaniel – Bedford 4th Grader

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8/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE

The Altoona School Board will meet tonight to discuss their concerns about the consolidation of the two junior high schools. While they are concerned about the cost, the welfare of students is paramount.

:35 – SOT/VO

Ticky Hendricks – Altoona School Board Member

8/2/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tonight's school board meeting in Altoona gave board members a chance to weigh the pros and cons of the possible consolidation of the Junior Highs. Even the changes in curriculum were discussed.

:39 – SOT/VO

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

8/3/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

KINDERGARTEN START

A local school district in Blair County has a new program to help make the transition of children into kindergarten a little less stressful for students and moms. Lisa Stofko reports.

110 – Package

Jaynne Bowers – Kindergarten teacher

Nancy Byler – Kindergarten teacher

Lisa McCauley – Mother

Lisa Jones – Mother

8/4/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA JUNIOR HIGHS

Will Altoona's two Junior Highs be renovated or will they become one in a new school? One of the main concerns is what will happen to the sports teams.

1:05 – SOT/VO

Lori Thompson – Mother of Keith student

George Cardone – Altoona Area School District

8/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

RICHLAND TEACHERS

With back-to-school just around the corner, some teachers in Cambria County still don't have a contract. In The Richland Area School District, health care premiums and salary are the main concerns. Mark Allen reports that both sides are trying to find common ground.

1:05 – Package

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

Doug Allison – Union president

8/6/04, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

JUNIATA COPS

Because of recent terror alerts and the amount of foreign students in attendance, Juniata College officials have asked for and received recognition as a private police force under Pennsylvania Act 501.

:44 – SOT/VO

Rocco Panosetti – Chief Juniata Police

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8/9/04, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

DICKINSON SCHOOL

A Dickinson Law School committee is recommending further review of the idea of bringing a law school to State College.

:25 – VO

8/10/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SALVATION ARMY PROGRAM

The Salvation Army in Somerset County has been trying to raise money and collect school supplies for low income families as their children head back to school, but so far, the effort has been a bust.

:40 – SOT/VO

Marilyn Albright – Salvation Army

8/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

SCHOOL SLOTS REVENUE

New legislation tied to the legalization of slot machines requires school districts that get slot revenue to get voter permission before borrowing for projects. So schools across the state are lining up to borrow money now. Gary Sinderson reports on what it means to taxpayers.

:55 – Package

Dennis Younkin – State College School District

8/12/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOME SCHOOLING INCREASE

Home schooling has grown 29 per cent since 1999. The biggest reason parents gave for the switch were concerns about the regular school environment and the desire to include religious or moral lessons in their kids' studies.

:26 – VO

8/13/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

GYM CLASS TECHNOLOGY

Chances are that your children do not enjoy Phys Ed class. But thanks to a new technology, some kids are getting excited about exercise. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:53 – Package

Carol Call – Online Phys. Ed. Teacher

Marti Williams – Age 14

8/16/04, 5 PM / 6 PM Monday Natasha McBroom

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS VOTE

Tonight, the Altoona School Board will decide whether to renovate their 2 Junior High Schools or build a new one. There are a lot of issues to consider with this decision; long standing tradition, rivalries, sports teams, bands, etc, Natasha McBroom reports.

:54 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

8/16/04, 12 AM Monday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA SCHOOL VOTE

Altoona School Board member's votes tonight to build one new junior high school, combining the students from Roosevelt and Keith. Natasha McBroom reports on the decision.

1:10 – Package

Dennis Murray – Superintendent

Anthony Maniglia – Parent

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8/16/04, 5:30 PM Monday Ryan Leckey

CHARTER SCHOOL

The state's first virtual charter school has begun, and it wants to put students on a whole new plane of learning. Ryan Leckey reports.

:45 - Package

Sarah Chaney - Commonwealth Connections

Lucy LaRue - Parent

8/16/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

UNIFORMS

As tens of millions of students head back to school, one controversial question re-appears. Should public schools require uniforms? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:53 - Package

Clarence Addison - Father

Dr. Jennifer Thorpe - Psychologist

8/17/04, 5 / 6 PM / 12 AM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA SCHOOL VOTE

The vote by the Altoona School Board to build a new junior high school was close; 5 to 4. Now the community is reacting to the plan to move ahead. Natasha McBroom reports.

:39 - Package

8/18/04, 12 AM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

RICHLAND SCHOOL MEETING

Both sides a the teachers' contract dispute in Richland Township say they made progress at tonight's meeting and are optimistic about reaching an agreement before school starts.

:45 - SOT/VO

Rex McQuaide - Richland School Board

Doug Allison - Union negotiator

8/18/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Wednesday Pam Kane

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

For many school districts in the area, renovation was a must for their buildings this year. And for some of those, construction delays may delay the beginning of classes. Pam Kane reports.

:51 - Package

Hervey Hann - Huntingdon School District

8/18/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SPANIER DECISION

Plans for a campus of the Dickinson Law School at Penn State's University Park Campus have been rejected by Dickinson administrators and Penn State is standing by that decision.

:35 - SOT/VO

Pres. Graham Spanier - Penn State University

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8/20/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Katie Collett

PATRIOTISM LAW

A decision today by the U.S. Court of Appeals says children should not be forced to say the Pledge of Allegiance in school because it violates First Amendment rights of free speech. Now parents and children will decide together whether they say the Pledge. Katie Collett reports on local reaction to the decision.

:52 – Package

Joe Columbus – Veteran

Thelma Dibble – Portage

Ronald Dibble – 7th Grade

8/20/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In our area, there are some kids that head back to school without all the supplies they need. So the National Prayer Ministries is teaming up with the Johnstown School District to collect donated supplies for poor children.

:51 – VO/SOT

Rev. Thomas Simms – National Prayer Ministries

8/20/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Julie Vallese

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

In the next couple of weeks, kids will be heading back to school. In many parts of the country, busing has been cut because of dwindling budget dollars. Unfortunately, buses are the safest way to transport children to school. Julie Vallese reports on the situation.

1:36 – Package

Chuck Hurley – National Safety Council

Charles Gauthier – Child Safety Advocate

8/20/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

SPORTSMANSHIP

Kids on sports teams across the country get endless drilling about fundamentals, fitness, and how to win. What they don't get is much talk about good sportsmanship. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:54 – Package

Yaron Bacher – Age 16

Patrick Kennedy – Age 15

Rick Vanhaveren – Psychologist

8/24/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Tuesday Pam Kane

ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT PSSA

The results from the 2004 PSSA state assessment show that the Altoona School District scored way above the state average. Only their special needs students did not hit their proficiency targets. Pam Kane reports.

1:01 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

8/24/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

DROPOUT PREVENTION

The Johnstown School District has just been awarded money for project 720, a plan to reduce the dropout rate and help students prepare better for college. Sara Burget reports on how the program will work.

1:11 – Package

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8/24/04, 6 PM Tuesday Sara Burget

JOHNSTOWN PSSA RESULTS

The Johnstown School District got good and bad news from their PSSA scores. There is some improvement, but still some work to do. The high school was weak in math and one elementary school had decreased reading and math scores. Sara Burget reports.

:59 – Package

Barbara Parkins – Superintendent

8/24/04, 5:30 PM Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PSU FILESHARING

More students will have legal access to downloading music through a Penn State University program that was successfully tested last year.

:40 – SOT/VO

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

8/24/04, 6 PM Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PSU ENROLLMENT

New student housing is set to open for the first time in years at Penn State's University Park Campus. But that doesn't mean the enrollment numbers there are on the increase. That is a major issue for Penn State's neighbors in the surrounding community. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 – Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

8/24/04, 512PAM Tuesday Sara Burget

RICHLAND MEETING

The Richland School District will borrow 32 million dollars to build a new school. The building is needed because the roof collapsed on the Middle School last year.

:50 – SOT/VO

Rex McQuaide – Richland School Board

8/25/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Wednesday Pam Kane

COACH CHARGED

A teacher who coached basketball at Bishop Guilfoyle High School and taught math at Hollidaysburg High School has been arrested for giving alcohol to teens and assaulting them. Parents in Hollidaysburg are stunned. Pam Kane reports.

:56 – Package

Lorie Deibert – Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School

8/26/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

BG COACH

Two Blair County communities are dealing with the fallout from a teacher charged with sexually assaulting his students. Counselors are on staff at both schools to help students deal with what many are calling a betrayal of trust. Natasha McBroom reports.

:40 – Live

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8/27/04, 12 AM, Friday Jen Kallin

FRAT HOUSE TOUR

At Penn State's University Park, firefighters went door-to-door visiting fraternity houses who are suppose to be installing sprinkler systems.

:49 – SOT/VO

Shawn Kauffman – Alpha Fire Co.

8/30/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

For the first time in ten years, the Altoona School District has raised the price of its school lunches. The district is blaming higher transportation costs. Natasha McBroom reports.

:53 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

8/30/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

RICHLAND TALKS

After another negotiating session, there is no progress to report in the teacher contract situation in Richland. Mark Allen reports on the possibility of a strike there.

1:03 – Package

Tiffany Debis – Richland Junior

8/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

RICHLAND TEACHERS

School starts tomorrow in Richland Township and the teachers have said they will show up despite not having a contract. But come Friday, they may go out on strike. Mark Allen reports that not much progress has been made in negotiations.

1:01 – Package

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

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9/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

RICHLAND START

If Richland teachers don't reach a tentative contract with the school board by Friday, they will be hitting the picket lines. Sara Burget reports.

:45 – Package

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

Jennifer Hartland – Richland parent

Bobbi Noren – Richland parent

9/1/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

RICHLAND TALKS

Despite a lengthy contract negotiating session tonight, no contract deal was reached for Richland teachers, so on Friday they will hit the picket lines. Katie Collett reports.

:53 – Package

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

Doug Allison – Teachers' Union President

9/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TEACHER REAX

A teacher at a Cambria County Middle School was taken out of school today in handcuffs, arrested on sex charges involving a student.

:46 – Package

Trooper Steve Barto – PA State Police

9/2/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CLAYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

The Claysburg Kimmel School District has opted to fix up their old school instead of building a new one.

:19 – VO

9/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

RICHLAND STRIKE

A teacher's strike in the Richland School District is having an effect on other employees there. Eight part-time cleaners were notified they are being laid-off. Katie Collett talked with the District Superintendent and found out cafeteria workers are also being furloughed.

1:06 – Package

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

Doug Allison – Teachers' Union President

9/2/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SPRING COVE SCHOOL

For about 5 years, the Spring Cove School District has been looking into replacing both their elementary buildings, but should they build one or two new buildings? They are going to ask taxpayers.

:45 – VO/SOT

Dr. Susan Bickford – Asst Superintendent

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9/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

RICHLAND STRIKE

Today was the first day of a strike by teachers in the Richland School District. The union president says the teachers would like to schedule more negotiations but as of right now, nothing is scheduled.

:29 – VO

9/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

CENTRAL CAMBRIA IMPACT

A team of crisis counselors was on hand at Central Cambria Middle School today to help students deal with the arrest of their art teacher on sex charges involving a minor.

:48 – VO/SOT

Susan Makosy – Superintendent

9/6/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL LUNCHES

For the fourth year in a row, the Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine is giving poor marks to what school kids are eating for lunch. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:41 – Package

Dr. Yvonne Butler – Elementary principal

9/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget & Jen Kallin

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Students and teachers face new standards and requirements under President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" law. The president of the PSEA was in town today and commented that Pennsylvania continues to struggle because 9 billion dollars of promised funding didn't materialize.

:56 – VO/SOT

Jim Weaver – President, PSEA

9/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget & Jen Kallin

RICHLAND STRIKE

Leaders from the PSEA came to Richland today to show support for the teachers' effort to get better health care.

:28 – VO

9/7/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

JR ROTC

Junior ROTC is a program rooted in the military that teaches life skills that can take students to new heights. Lisa Stofko reports on the success of JROTC.

1:55 – Package

Andrew Cummings – 10th Grade

Maj. Doug Henderson – Aerospace Science Institute

Ronald Baldonieri – Principal

Carolyn Clements – 12th Grade Group Commander

Sgt. Rick Lambing – Instructor

Emily Henderson – 10th Grade

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9/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

RICHLAND TALKS

Richland teachers continued on the picket line for the seventh day, however they have scheduled a meeting next Wednesday with the school board in an attempt to settle the dispute.

:35 - VO/SOT

Doug Allison - Teachers' Union President

9/10/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PSU TUITION

In terms of tuition and related fees, Penn State is the most expensive public college in the country.

:29 - VO

9/10/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

READING LITERACY

United States teenagers rank 13th in the world in reading literacy. Why aren't they at the top? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:44 - Package

Jopie Mauger - Mother

Linda Stokes - Educational Tutor

9/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

SOMERSET CONTRACT

Students in the Somerset School District start back to classes tomorrow, and teachers were preparing their classrooms today. But there are rumors that another teacher strike will come shortly. Sara Burget has the latest their on negotiations that have come to a standstill because of retroactive pay.

:51 - Package

Michael Sopich - Somerset County

John Coleman - School Board President

9/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

RICHLAND PREVIEW

Richland teachers have been walking the picket line for seven days. Now teachers are urging residents to go to tonight's School Board Meeting and speak out about the strike. Katie Collett reports.

1:07 - Package

9/14/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

RICHLAND SCHOOL BOARD

Tonight, residents of the Richland School District spoke out at a School Board meeting, saying they want the kids back in the classroom. Katie Collett reports that emotions ran high.

1:38 - Package

4 Residents and one student gave comments.

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9/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SPARK TRAINING

Because 20 to 30 percent of American children are either overweight or at risk of becoming so, teachers from nine school districts in Cambria County hit the gym in Ebensburg's Central Cambria to learn new ways to increase their students' physical activity.

:42 - SOT/VO

Michelle Rivett - OMOS School, Johnstown

9/14/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SPRING COVE SCHOOLS

Residents in the Spring Cove School District were asked for input on how to improve school buildings. There are 6 buildings in the district that all need work, and some residents feel throwing money into repairs is a waste.

:32 - VO/SOT

Dorothy Hershberger - Spring Cove School Board

9/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

RICHLAND STRIKE

It's week 2 on the picket line in the Richland School District with the main sticking point being health care. The treasurer of the PSEA came to town today to show support for the teachers.

:40 - VO/SOT

Grace Bekaert - PSEA Treasurer

9/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BACK TO SCHOOL IN SOMERSET

Students are back in the classrooms today for the first time this year in Somerset. Their start was delayed to try to deter teachers from striking.

:50 - VO/SOT

Josh Lepley - Somerset student

Toni Svonarek - Somerset student

9/15/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NO PROGRESS

There is no progress to report in negotiations in the Richland School District. A session was scheduled for this evening, however neither side said there was anything to report from the meeting yet.

:25 - VO

9/15/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

BINGE DRINKING

The State Senate Law & Justice Committee held a public hearing today at IUP to look for solutions to the problem of binge drinking on college campuses.

:50 - VO/SOT

Bill Mahon - Penn State University

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9/16/04, 5: PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

BULLYING / SUICIDE

There is increasing evidence that school bullying carries serious consequences, including an increased risk of suicide. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:27 – Package

Gilda Carle, PhD – Psychologist

9/16/04, 5 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

RICHLAND PROGRESS

The president of the Richland School Board says they have the parameters of a settlement with the teacher's union. Parents are glad because they say the walkout is putting a strain on students. :37 – VO/SOT

Theresa Clark – Richland parent

9/21/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

LEARNING LAMP

Does your child give up easily on homework assignments? Is he or she disinterested or doesn't like school? There's a new tutoring program that is designed to meet the needs of these children and others. Lisa Stofko reports on the Learning Lamp.

2:36 – Package

Leah Spangler – Learning Lamp Director

9/21/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

RICHLAND TEACHERS

The Richland School District does still not have an agreement with their teachers on a contract. What happened to the framework that seemed so positive last week? Katie Collett reports.

:45 – Package

Doug Allison – Teachers' spokesman

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

9/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

OWENS RAPE CHARGES

The Central Cambria School District is helping students deal with news that one of its teachers is accused of rape by bringing in special counselors from an area hospital and Victim's Services.

:35 – VO/SOT

Susan Makosy – Superintendent

9/22/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

PSU IMPACT

Everyone gets angry as tuition continues to climb at Penn State. But the university says it has a great impact on the State's economy and that if the state gave more funding, tuition wouldn't be rising so sharply. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 – Package

Bill Mahon – PSU Assistant Vice President

9/23/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

RICHLAND SCHOOLS

Negotiators for both sides in the Richland School strike have come up with a contract they believe could end the teachers' strike. Katie Collett reports on the deal and what will happen now.

:54 – Package

Rex McQuaide – Richland School Board

Doug Allinson – Teachers' Union

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9/23/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL BOARDS / GAMBLING MONEY

Hidden restrictions in the new Slot Machine Law may not make the proposition as appealing to school districts as it once was. Some have already opted out of receiving money from gambling and others are bound to follow.

:42 – VO/SOT

Sen. Robert Jubelirer – (R) 30th District

9/24/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

TEACHERS CONTRACT

Richland students could be back to school Monday if the teachers' union and school board agree on the new contract put together Thursday night. Sara Burget reports.

:59 – Package

Doug Allison – Teachers' Union President

Lindsey Petrilla – Richland student

Rex McQuaide – Richland School Board

9/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

PSEA HEALTH CARE

The Richland teachers settled their contract with more control over their health care. They have an insurance cap, giving them the ability to change deductibles or other items in their coverage and there is provision for possible buyouts. The deal could set a precedent for some other school districts. Katie Collett reports.

1:13 – Package

Dr. Lonnie Luna – PSEA

9/27/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

FRESHMEN FEAR

Many high school kids are excited about going to college, but when they get there, they may have some difficulties adjusting. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:10 – Package

Dr. John Lochridge - Psychiatrist

9/30/04, 5 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic & Jen Kallin

BAKER KNOLL

Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor told Penn State students that lawmakers believe the college has plenty of money. That's why they don't send more funding. It's a concept that needs correcting.

:46 – VO/SOT

Catherine B. Knoll – PA Lt. Governor

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7/1/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

ANOREXIA STUDY

It is considered one of the most difficult psychiatric problems to treat. Anorexia Nervosa affects as many as 2 per cent of the population. The latest data shows that it doesn't go away easily. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:21 – Package

Katherine Loeb, PhD – Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

Lauren – Anorexia patient

7/2/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted to table a resolution to amend the Constitution that would allow limits on the dollar amount juries can award in medical malpractice claims.

:26 – VO

7/5/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

HEALTHY FOODS

With so many people following the Atkins craze, people are avoiding carbs, both good and bad. Fruits and vegetables are carbohydrates but they are also rich in antioxidants chemicals, which are key to good health. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on which ones you should eat daily.

1:32 – Package

Carla Wolper, RD – St. Luke's Hospital

7/5/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DOC HANDWASING

According to a new study in the annals of internal medicine, doctors don't wash their hands as often as they should.

:25 – VO

7/5/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

BLOOD DRIVES

Accidents are prominent as people travel over the summer months, and local officials say area blood supplies are at critical levels right now. They are urging everyone to donate.

:42 – SOT/VO

Denise Reifer – Red Cross Charge Nurse

7/6/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

LAURELWOOD STRIKE

Union employees fed up with working conditions at Laurelwood in Johnstown hit the picket lines this morning. Eleven employees are being sued by Grane Healthcare, accused of making false statements about the quality of care at Laurelwood. The employees say the allegations are true. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:07 – Package

Michelle Franzen – Union spokesperson

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7/6/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

SEIU STRIKE

When their 24-hour strike ends, some striking Laurelwood employees may find themselves without a job when they try to return to work. Sophia Wharton reports on replacement workers.

1:08 – Package

Michelle Flowers – Union spokesperson

Mark Fox – Grane spokesperson

7/6/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

KIDS COUGH

Research suggests that over-the-counter cough syrup isn't any better than a spoonful of sugar in helping to relieve coughing in youngsters. Helen Chickering reports.

:50 – Package

7/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

MEDICAL ERRORS

According to a new study, under staffing and long consecutive hours worked are causing nurses to make errors. The study shows that nurses are more likely to make an error during a 12 hour day or more than 40 hours per week.

:40 – SOT/VO

Dr. Ann E. Rogers – Penn. School of Nursing

7/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

LAURELWOOD RALLY

This morning, some of the workers at Laurelwood were told they've been permanently replaced following Tuesday's strike. That prompted a rally in Central Park with still more accusations about Grane Healthcare.

:57 – SOT/VO

Michelle Flowers – Former Laurelwood worker

Capt. Andy Frear – Johnstown Police Department

7/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

BACTERIA ILLNESS

The bacteria called Campylobacter can cause food-borne illness. As common as it is, most people have never heard of it or what causes it.

:39 – VO

7/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

SIDS CLUE

Scientists have pinpointed brain cells that are responsible for regular gasping. Gasping helps infants reset their breathing patterns. The finding may lead to SIDS prevention and treatment.

:29 – VO

7/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

CRACK BABIES

Crack babies were once described as society's new burden. A decade later, it turns out that predictions were wrong. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:49 – Package

Dr. Claire Coles – Psychologist

Zina Age – Brittany's Mother

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7/7/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PFIZER DRUG PLAN

Drug maker Pfizer Pharmaceuticals announced today that they are launching an initiative allowing the uninsured to get their drugs for free or at discount prices.

:27 - VO

7/8/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

PSA VELOCITY

A routine blood-screening test called a PSA could provide information about the prognosis of men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Dr. Mike Rosen explains.

1:25 - Package

Bill Littlefield - Has prostate cancer

Roy Berger, MD - Prostate Cancer expert

7/9/04, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

TAN ADDICTION

Do you still crave being out in the sun even though you know a tan is dangerous? It may be more than a golden glow you are craving. You may be suffering from UV Euphoria. New research suggests the effects of UV rays may be addictive. Helen Chickering reports.

1:34 - Package

Anthony Liguori, PhD - Tanning Researcher

Tara Hendrix - Tanning study volunteer

7/12/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

ASTHMA COPD

New research shows that adults with asthma may have an increased risk for developing chronic pulmonary disease. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:30 - Package

Cliff Bassett - Long Island College Hospital

Dana Conte - Asthma patient

7/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

LOW BLOOD LEVELS

The Red Cross blood supply has hit a critical level and the lack of blood could end up putting your health at risk. With more people traveling in the summer months, a car accident victim might not get the blood they need. Ryan Leckey reports on the local situation.

1:20 - Package

Harold Ashcraft - Blood Bank Director

Jennifer Mansfield - Red Cross

7/13/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

ALZHEIMERS & MRI

Getting Alzheimers is one of the greatest fears of getting older. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on two new studies that show how brain scans can tell whether someone will develop the disease.

2:03 - Package

Angie Lombardi - Relative has Alzheimers

Truman Jewell - Alzheimers patient

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7/14/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease has become one of the fastest growing infectious diseases in the United States. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on how yard work and landscaping can cuts one risk significantly.

1:57 – Package

Marilyn Richard – B&B Owner

7/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MONO DEATH

18-Year-old Rebecca McCloskey died last week from spleen complications from mono-nucleosis. Doctors are warning young people that come down with the disease to rest, avoid contact sports, and avoid heavy lifting.

:49 – SOT/VO

Dr. Joseph Mitchell – Altoona Hospital

7/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

LAURELWOOD WORKERS RALLY

Union workers from Laurelwood held a rally in Johnstown's Central Park this afternoon. They were joined by supporters from the Steelworkers and Electrical Workers Unions. Many of the Laurelwood workers lost their jobs after a one-day strike. They say it is Grane Healthcare trying to show their power.

:49 – SOT/VO

Ernie Esposito – Labor Council President

7/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Tracie Potts

CANCER RISK

New research suggests that when combined, certain plant-based foods may provide even more cancer protection when they're eaten separately. Tracie Potts reports.

1:41 – Package

Jeffrey Prince – Cancer researcher

John Erdman – Cancer researcher

7/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

CHILD WELL BEING

The annual report on the State of Children's Health and Well Being says kids are safer than ever, but also heavier than ever. Helen Chickering has info on the medical red flags being raised about overweight kids.

1:03 – Package

Dr. Duane Alexander – Child expert

Edward Sondik, PhD – CDC

7/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Tracie Potts

MEDICARE OBESITY

The Federal government has opened the door to pay for medical treatment for obesity. Medicare has paved the way for the agency to consider claims for counseling, diet programs, and even stomach surgery. Tracie Potts reports.

1:33 – Package

Tommy Thompson – Health & Human Services

Dan Mindus – Consumer Freedom Center

Cynthia Dyer – Patient

Karen Ignagni – Health Insurance Agency

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7/19/04, 5 PM, Monday Tracie Potts

ALZHEIMERS INCREASE

Alzheimers researchers say Medicare and Medicaid could go bankrupt if the government doesn't start pouring money into research about the disease. Tracie Potts reports.

1:50 – Package

Steve McConnell – Alzheimer Association

Dave Schenk – Elan Pharmaceutical

George Caudell – Patient

Sheldon Goldberg – Alzheimer Association President

7/19/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

DIABETES IN KIDS

Type two diabetes was once a disease reserved only for adults, but a growing number of children are being diagnosed with the illness. Why? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:44 – Package

Kimberly Glenn – Registered dietician

7/19/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

RESTLESS LEGS

Kids often complain about leg pain as they grow; doctors call it growing pains. But some of those pains may have a connection to Attention Deficit Disorder.

:45 – SOT/VO

Art Walerts, MD – Neurologist

7/20/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

SUICIDE RISK

Results of a new study shed some light on the question of whether some drugs increase the risk of suicide more than others. Helen Chickering reports that timing may be a more important factor than the medicine itself.

1:18 – Package

James Kaye, MD – Study researcher

George Tesar, MD – Psychiatrist

7/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Tracie Potts

NATIONAL HEALTH RECORDS

Health professionals are taking a look at new proposals on overhauling medical records that would have them stored electronically on the web. Tracie Potts looks at a few of the access problems.

1:00 – Package

Tommy Thompson – Health Services Secretary

Dr. Jim Rohack – American Medical Association

Janlori Goldman – Health Privacy Project

7/22/04, 5 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

BREAST BREAK

Doctors are testing an arsenal of hi-tech tools that kill cancer cells while sparing breast tissue. Helen Chickering reports.

1:01 – Package

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7/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

CENTRE CREST STUDY

Centre Crest Nursing Home in Bellefonte has been put under the microscope by the county commissioners to see if the home could be run more efficiently.

:36 – SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos – Commissioner

7/23/04, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

STRESS & CANCER

New research is adding to the growing body of evidence that suggests stress can increase the risk of cancer. Helen Chickering reports.

1:09 – Package

Carol Shively, PhD – Stress Researcher

7/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

SURGERY CLOSING

UPMC Lee Regional has announced the closing of its open-heart surgery program because there aren't enough patients locally to support the program at both local hospitals. Katie Collett reports on the options now for heart patients and how the closing will happen.

1:02 – Package

Scott Hartnett – UPMC Lee Regional

7/27/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

STROKE & BLOOD PRESSURE

A new study shows doctors may be overdoing it when treating patients who just suffered a stroke. The study focuses on the liberal use of blood pressure medications that are neither necessary nor recommended. Mike Rosen reports.

Yvonne Ellerbee – Stroke patient

Lyle Dennis, MD – Englewood Medical Center

7/28/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DUPLICATE SERVICES

UPMC Lee Regional in Johnstown is denying that the closure of its open-heart surgery program has anything to do with a potential merger with Conemaugh Health System.

:46 – SOT/VO

Scott Hartnett – UPMC Lee Regional

7/28/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

CHILDHOOD INSOMNIA

Most adults experience insomnia at some point in their lives. But do children experience insomnia? Lisa Stofko investigates.

1:58 – Package

Ashton Smither - Age 10

Dr. Jeffrey Durmer – Sleep Center Director

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7/29/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

ASPIRIN & KIDNEY

Pain medications are found in most people's medicine cabinets. But is taking aspirin, Tylenol, and ibuprofen dangerous in the long run? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:33 – Package

Suzanne Polizz – Tylenol user

Jonathan Winston, MD – Kidney specialist

7/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

DUPLICATED SERVICES

Now that the open-heart surgery program at UPMC Lee Regional is closing, is it just the beginning of changes in services at Johnstown's hospitals? What can people do that have UPMC Lee hospitalization? Sara Burget has some information.

1:02 – Package

Larry Caprous – Council on Healthcare

7/30/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

WRINKLE FILLERS

The FDA has just approved a variety of options, which can help reverse some of the effects of time and the sun on our skin, as far as wrinkles go. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:28 – Package

David Goldberg, MD – Dermatologist

Leslie Baumann – Dermatologist

7/30/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

POISON IVY

Doctors say they are seeing more severe cases of poison ivy this year than in past seasons and are recommending some precautions.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dr. Linda Benedict – Dermatologist

NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . . JULY

Dateline

Sunday, 7/4

As the national battle rages on over how much money you can get from a doctor who have committed malpractice for pain and suffering and as doctors across the country take to the streets rallying against rising malpractice insurance costs, Edie Magnus reports on a medical malpractice suit that is every woman's worse nightmare.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 7/7

Robert Bazell reports on fighting prostate cancer. There is a new study about the most accurate way to assess a patient's risk of developing the deadly disease.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 7/14

Robert Bazell reports on new research on chronic Lyme Disease, a growing health concern for Americans.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 7/21

Twenty million Americans take an aspirin every day to prevent heart attacks. But new research finds that it may not help as many as thirty percent of them. Why?

HEALTH ISSUES JULY

Dr. Phil **7/5/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines the issue of how to lose weight. A nutrition expert explains how to dine out without expanding your waistline.

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8/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HOSPITAL VISIT

Congressman Bill Shuster visited Health South Rehab Center in Altoona to find out from the administration how new legislation can help increase Medicare reimbursement to rehab facilities.

:38 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

8/2/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

ADHD TREATMENT

Along with the rise in antidepressants prescribed to children, a new study suggests that an increasing number of children with disorders like ADHD are being treated with drugs used for mental illnesses like schizophrenia. Helen Chickering reports on the disturbing study.

1:32 – Package

William Cooper, MD – Researcher

8/2/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

A recent study shows that pediatricians are failing to diagnose and treat childhood obesity. One problem is that pediatricians need to be trained to use new equipment to diagnose obesity.

1:02 – SOT/VO

Matthew Masiello – Memorial Medical Center

8/2/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

WEEKEND SPLURGES

Staying on course with a diet can be rough. But there is a way you can falter and still stay on track to lose weight. Jen Kallin reports.

1:52 – Package

Delia Hammock, RD – Nutritionist

8/3/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Tracie Potts

UNINSURED KIDS

Many kids suffer through illness and injury without treatment because their parents can't afford health insurance. Tracie Potts reports on an effort to get kids the treatment they need.

1:00 – Package

Terry McDermott – Mother

Jackie Jones – Mother

Gov. Mark Warner – National Governor's Association

8/3/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

KIDS PUMP IRON

Too many children don't eat properly or get enough exercise. As a result, fitness experts who used to believe that lifting weights would damage children's growing bones and muscles are now urging kids to use weight training to help get in shape.

:39 – SOT/VO

David Crooks – Trainer

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HOSPITAL MERGERS & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES AUGUST

8/4/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

There is new concern tonight over whether our country is keeping up with our dwindling supply of effective antibiotics. More and more bacteria are becoming resistant to even our most powerful antibiotics and experts say that not enough new drugs are in development. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Marc Siegel, MD – Internist

8/6/04, 5 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

ANTIOXIDANTS

Millions of Americans take vitamin supplements everyday, but the American Heart Association thinks that antioxidant vitamins have no benefits and that foods are a better source.

:30 – SOT/VO

Tammi Lakatos Shames – Nutritionist

8/6/04, 5 PM, Friday Chris Calckum

CANCER CARBS

According to a new study, evidence links carbs to an increased risk of breast cancer. Chris Calckum reports.

1:33 – Package

Dr. Walter Willet – Study author

Arthur Agatston, MD – Cardiologist

David Weng, MD – Cleveland Clinic

8/9/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

ION HEALTH SEMINAR

The Conemaugh Health System is teaming up with Ion Health to get more people who have no health insurance on to Medicaid. They say that 40,000 people in Blair and Cambria Counties are eligible but haven't signed up.

:47 – SOT/VO

Jack Lipom – Conemaugh Health System

8/9/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

ALZHEIMER'S & JOBS

New research shows that the type of job you hold could play a role in protecting you from developing Alzheimer's. Does your job keep you mentally active? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:59 – Package

Fary Kaplan, MD – Neurologist

Janet Walsh – Memory Concepts

Milton Wolson – Lawyer

8/11/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

PUBLIC AED's

Automatic External Defibrillators can shock a stopped heart back to life and they are being placed in public locations everywhere. But can the average person use them effectively and save a life? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:23 – Package

Davendra Mehta, MD – Cardiologist

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8/11/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

BREAST CANCER & CHOLESTEROL

A new study shows that overweight women with low levels of good cholesterol have a higher risk of developing breast cancer.

:36 – SOT/VO

Carolyn Nemec, MD – Family Practitioner

8/12/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MAMMOGRAM DAY

The Glendale Area used to be served by a mobile mammography unit. But due to recent funding cuts, the unit is no longer available. So the Glendale Medical Center is signing women up for van transportation to the center.

:46 – SOT/VO

Darlene Rowles – Clearfield Hospital

8/12/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

ANTIDEPRESSANT

The FDA has just approved a new anti-depressant called Cymbalta. With many antidepressants under fire for reportedly triggering some to commit suicide, the approval of the new drug has some concerned. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:23 – Package

Norman Sussman, MD - Psychiatrist

8/12/04, 11 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

SAVING LIVES

A new study shows that more good Samaritans are using defibrillator paddles to save fellow citizens. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:40 – Package

Dr. Fernando Daniels – DC Emergency Services

8/13/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

BEE STING ALLERGIES

How serious is an allergy to a bee or wasp sting? Should those who are moderately allergic get allergy shots? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:27 – Package

Gianna Bourke – Allergy patient

Clifford Bassett, MD – Allergist

8/13/04, 5 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

MEDICAL CENTER

A medical clinic in State College has been open for a little over a year, but the demand for its services is skyrocketing. Gary Sinderson explains why; it helps those classified as working poor.

:55 – Package

Celeste Newcomb – CVIM Director

Carol Gold – Volunteer

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8/13/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DIALYSIS TOUR

The Altoona Hospital is calling on Congress to come up with money to help them update their kidney dialysis wing.

:35 – SOT/VO

Judy Boerger – Snr. Vice Pres. Nursing

8/16/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Monday Sara Burget

BIO TECHNOLOGY

The latest in medical technology is the focus of a showcase in downtown Johnstown. Researchers come from all over the world to see and share the latest in medical research. It also offers opportunities for those seeking medical careers. Sara Burget reports.

:55 – Package

Nick Jacobs – Windber Research Institute

8/17/04, 5 / 6 PM / 12 AM PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

CHIP CAMPAIGN

Millions of children across the country are uninsured for health care. There is a new campaign in Pennsylvania to educate parents about the CHIP program, which provides health insurance for the children of low-income families. Katie Collett reports.

:44 – Package

Diane Koken – PA Insurance Commission

8/17/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

LEG BLOOD CLOTS

New research shows there is an effective way to prevent a common complication of leg blood clots.

:37 – SOT/VO

Christine Laine, MD – DEP Editor, Annals of Internal Medicine

8/18/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Chris Clackum

BREAST CANCER TEST

A new study finds that a simple blood test predicts a patient's prognosis for breast cancer and gives doctors an earlier indication of how well a treatment is doing. Chris Clackum reports.

1:25 – Package

Daniel Hayes – Oncologist

Thomas Budd, MD – Oncologist

8/19/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DIABETES SCREENING

The Pennsylvania Department of Health says that over 660,000 Pennsylvanians are diagnosed with diabetes. Today screenings were held at the Richland Wal Mart along with educational programs. One local congressman says we can no longer ignore the numbers.

:52 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

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8/19/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LEG VEINS

Unsightly spider and varicose veins are another sign of growing old for women. Removing them can be painful, but now there's a new treatment.

1:43 – Package

Dr. Neil Sadick = Dermatologist

8/20/04, 5 PM Thursday Marty Radovanic

MIGRAINE PREVENTION

There is a new treatment available for the prevention of migraines that was just approved by the FDA. Topomax shows evidence of providing significant benefits.

:35 – SOT/VO

Christine Lay, MD – Headache Institute

8/24/04, 5:30 PM Tuesday Gary Sinderson

CENTRE CREST REPORT

Centre Crest, the county-owned nursing home is not for sale following a consultant's report that the home is fairly well managed. Despite county budget problems and room for improvement at the home, the commissioners say there is no plan to sell the home. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:07 – Package

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

8/25/04, 5 PM Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

INTERMITTENT EXERCISE

Can exercising for a few minutes at a time have the same or even better benefit than 30 or even 60 minutes of continuous exercise? Dr. Mike Rosen explains that some experts believe less is more.

1:55 – Package

Carl Attali – 27 year old

Tony Chan – Exercise physiologist

8/26/04, 5:30 PM Thursday Orrin Schonfeld

SLEEP & ADDICTIONS

A bad night's sleep for your child could mean more than just a cranky kid in the long run. A new study suggests that sleep troubles of children could signal an alcohol, cigarette, or drug problem later in life. Orrin Schonfeld reports.

1:33 – Package

Suzanne Hill – Child has sleep problems

Robert Zucker – Addiction Research Center

8/26/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

HEAT OR COLD

If you pull a muscle, which do you apply, heat or cold? It's an age-old question people don't care about until they need to know. Lisa Stofko reports on the answer.

1:37 – Package

Todd Winder – Colorguard Instructor

Sami Mock – Senior

Eric Kosciensky – Senior

Richard Wozniak – Memorial Medical Center

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8/27/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Sara Burget

MERGER LETTER

Conemaugh Health System and UPMC Lee Regional have agreed to talk about a merger. But officials at Lee who had been trying to regain control of the hospital from UPMC are being left out of the talks. Sara Burget reports.

1:25 – Package

John Augustine – Lee Regional Health System

8/27/04, 6 PM / 12 AM, Friday Jen Kallin

PATIENT EFFECT

A local medical expert says that the merger of two local hospitals could have some positive and negative effects of patient services. There may be longer lines and less choices but some services might improve.

:51 – SOT/VO

Larry Caprous – Healthcare expert

8/27/04, 6 PM Friday Jen Kallin

MERGER THOUGHTS

Channel 6 News sent a team out to discover what you think of a possible hospital merger in Johnstown.

:30 – SOT/VO

8/27/04, 12 AM, Friday Jen Kallin

ALTOONA REACTION TO JOHNSTOWN MERGER

Two Altoona hospitals have been working towards a merger since earlier this year. They say it is a long involved process that takes a great deal of time.

:42 – SOT/VO

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

8/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

UPMC / CONEMAUGH ANSWERS

The two hospitals in Johnstown may become one. So patients and staff want to know where they stand if a merger happens. But they have not been able to get any answers. Sara Burget reports that this is just the beginning of a process that could take years to work out.

1:14 – Package

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

Susan Graham – Lee Regional patient

Charles Graham – Lee Regional patient

NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . . AUGUST

Nightly News

Monday, 8/23

Blood pressure is on the rise. About 65 million adults are affected? What do you need to know to prevent more serious health complications down the road.

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9/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

LEE SUIT

Lee Regional Hospital is ready to put a major bump in the road to merger between UPMC and Conemaugh. Hospital officials are ready to take UPMC to court to gain back control of the hospital.
:39 – VO

9/1/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

NMR PROFILE

When you get your cholesterol tested, does the number tell the whole story behind your heart attack risk? Dr. Mike Rosen says a new test can determine which cholesterol is the most dangerous and whether you have it.

1:41 – Package

Nate Lebowitz, MD – Cardiologist

9/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Dave Roush

BROOKVILLE DEAL

The union employees at Brookville Hospital were given a contract proposal that negotiators felt was acceptable in last minute talks Wednesday. It give nurses input on staffing levels and improves health benefits for employees who live outside Brookville. Dave Roush reports.

:56 – VO

Janeen Lewis – E.R. Nurse

9/2/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CHILDREN & SUNGLASSES

Research shows that excessive exposure to UV rays, especially from light-reflected on sand, snow, or pavement can cause a painful type of corneal sunburn.

:38 – VO/SOT

Dr. Norman Saffra – Maimonides Medical Center

9/2/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

HOME REMEDIES

Parents are always looking for new ways to relieve their children's pain. There is no shortage of over-the-counter options available. What should parents look for? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:49 – Package

Susan Cade – Mother

Dr. Richard Wozniak – Memorial Medical Center

9/6/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

ASTHMA & SPORTS

Asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases in children, affecting nearly 5 million in the United States. Although physical activity is crucial for healthy development, it can trigger asthma attacks in susceptible children. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:28 – Package

Rebecca Brown – Asthma patient

Dr. Clifford Vassett – Long Island College Hospital

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9/8/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Diana Gonzalez

KEEPSAKE ULTRASOUNDS

Stores and malls are offering keepsake ultrasounds as something to add to the family album. But the medical community says that is an improper use of a piece of medical equipment. Diana Gonzalez reports.

2:16 - Package

Amado Rodriguez - Owner, Peekaboo Imaging

Dr. Anna Podrasky - Ultrasound Director

Martha Rodriguez - Baby Store employee

9/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

FLU SHOTS

Health officials say that even if you're younger and feel you don't need it, a flu shot is still a good prevention measure.

:39 - VO/SOT

Jane Taylor - Centre County Dept. of Aging

9/13/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

YOUNG SMOKERS

New research shows a 25 year old who smokes could be looking at care in a cardiac unit 10 years later. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:24 - Package

Johnny Lee, MD - Cardiologist

9/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LEE LAWSUIT

The road to merging 2 Johnstown area hospitals is hitting a road block. Lee Regional Health System is taking UPMC to court, accusing the Pittsburgh facility of keeping inaccurate records of the money UPMC invested in Lee. They allege UPMC has not made the investments it was contracted to make.

:46 - VO/SOT

Michael Sahlaney - Attorney for Lee Regional

9/15/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

SINUS HEADACHES

New research shows those who think they're having a sinus headache might actually be having a migraine headache. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on the misdiagnosis.

1:01 - Package

Michele Weber - Headache patient

Alan Carver, MD - Headache & Pain Management

9/15/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NEW BREAST CENTER

A new center to treat and prevent breast cancer in is the works for Indiana County. Hospital officials there say that only 30 per cent of women in the county get annual mammograms. They're hoping to change that with the new center.

:49 - VO/SOT

Steve Wolfe - Indiana Regional Medical Center

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9/15/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NON NARC PAIN

For more than 70 million Americans who undergo surgery this year, fear of pain is a major concern. Now there is an alternative to oral narcotics. A new device called ON-Q releases a local anesthetic at the site of surgery at a controlled rate.

:43 – VO/SOT

Quint Jardine, MD – OB/GYN

9/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Pam Kane

SOLE PROVIDER

J.C. Blair Hospital in Huntingdon County has been watching its finances carefully for year. But today, it was given the designation of "Sole Community Provider" so that it can collect full reimbursement from Medicare. Pam Kane reports that's good news for the hospital.

:56 – Package

Frank Demar – Hospital Board President

9/16/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

KIDS & CANCER

A new report says children who beat cancer are still vulnerable for life threatening illnesses as adults. It's a result of long-term treatment effect of radiation or chemotherapy.

:44 – VO/SOT

Dr. Kevin Oeffinger – UTSW Cancer researcher

9/17/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

IBS

Are doctors focusing on fixing the wrong thing when a patient has signs of Irritable Bowel Syndrome? Fifteen percent of the U.S. population is affected. What is the best way to treat sufferers is being reconsidered. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:32 – Package

Dawn Hayes – IBS Patient

Dr. Ken Rubin - Gastroenterology

9/20/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

ALZHEIMERS TREATMENT

A treatment already being used for Multiple Sclerosis patients might hold promise for victims of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Mike Rosen reports

1:31 – Package

Dr. Mark Mehler – Dept. of Neurology

9/20/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HEART HOLES

One in every four of us has a hole in our hearts. For most, it doesn't cause a problem, but for some it can cause a stroke.

:38 – VO/SOT

Dr. James Wilentz – Cardiologist

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9/22/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Cherie Bank

FALL ALLERGIES

Fall allergies are striking with a vengeance this year. But there are things you can do to ease your discomfort. Cherie Bank reports.

1:24 – Package

Steven Verona – Allergy sufferer

9/22/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Lindsey Arent

INFANT TESTING

As many as one thousand babies are born each year with rare but treatable genetic diseases. Now the government is trying to change that by putting universal testing procedures in place. Linsey Arent reports.

1:47 – Package

Jana Monaco – Son has genetic disorder

Rodney Howell – Common on Heritable Disease

9/23/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

FLU SHOTS

The Federal government is encouraging people more than ever to get flu shots this year.

:44 – VO/SOT

Bruce Gellin – Director National Vaccine Program

9/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

GET ON THE BAN WAGON

PA nursing home and other health care workers from the SEIU held a news conference this morning to bring attention to mandatory overtime. They say it results in more medical errors.

:28 – VO

9/24/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

HOME SLEEP TESTS

Millions of Americans suffer from sleep apnea. Dr. Mike Rosen reports that a simple home test can get patients on the road to proper treatment quick and simply.

1:20 – Package

Michael Trophy, MD – Sleep Researcher

Peter Michaelson, MD – Study author

9/24/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CENTRE CREST

Reports that an area nursing home is running at a loss are the result of an accounting procedure. That according to the Centre County Commissioners that are running the home.

:40 – SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

9/27/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

PARKINSONS TOXINS

New research suggests that exposure to common pollutants can cause Parkinson's disease in lab rats. That may translate to people as well. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:19 – Package

C. Warren Olanow, MD – Researcher

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HOSPITAL MERGERS & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES SEPTEMBER

9/29/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

OBESITY EPIDEMIC

One in every seven kids is obese. That is why the Surgeon General is teaming up with a number of agencies to give fitness a major push in our schools and communities. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:23 – Package

Richard Carnoma, MD – U.S. Surgeon General

Carden Johnston, MD – Pediatrician

9/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

SHOTS FOR FLU

When is the best time to get a flu shot? Will there be enough vaccine this year, or will we be plagued with the same problems we had last winter? Sara Burget reports.

1:13 – Package

Dr. Dan Wehner – Director, Emergency Department

9/29/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

HEPATITIS EXPERT

Blair County has a significantly higher number of Hepatitis C cases than other surrounding counties. So an expert was in Altoona today to encourage education and testing to stop the disease. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:14 – Package

Thelma King – Hepatitis Foundation

9/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BLOOD CLOT SCREENING

Doctors say hundreds took a step in the right direction by getting checked for vascular disease at today's Legs for Life screening. Sometimes leg clots are misdiagnosed for arthritis, and that can have serious consequences.

:51 – VO/SOT

Gary Kramer – Interval Radiologist

9/30/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

OSTEOPOROSIS

There is important new research out tonight for people with Osteoporosis. The study compared two medicines used to treat the disease to find if one is better than the other. Dr. Mike Rosen has the results.

1:00 – Package

Paula Rackoff, MD – Rheumatologist

9/30/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

FALL ALLERGIES

If your child is sneezing and tired, is it a cold or seasonal allergies? How can you tell the difference? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:32 – Package

Dr. David Armstrong – Otolaryngologist

HEALTH ISSUES SEPTEMBER

Dr. Phil

9/17/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil gets candid about the growing trend of going under the knife, cosmetic surgery.

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WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SALMONELLA OUTBREAK . . . JULY

7/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

SALMONELLA CASES

The State Department of Health is looking into an outbreak on Salmonella cases in Western Pennsylvania over the past few days. Two dozen of the cases have been in our area. The source of the outbreak is unknown but they believe it stems from tainted produce. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:12 – Package

Dr. Marc Finder – UPMC Bedford Memorial

7/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

HOW COMMON

Every year approximately 800 thousand to 4 million cases of salmonella result in 500 deaths in the United States. It is especially common in the summer when folks are preparing picnic foods. There is no vaccine and some strains are resistant to antibiotics. Sophia Wharton reports to the Department of Health about the local outbreak.

:54 – Package

Richard Garvey – PA Dept. of Health

7/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SYMPTOMS

How do we get Salmonella poisoning? What are the symptoms and should you seek medical attention if you become sick? An expert on infectious diseases answers those questions.

:45 – Live

Dr. Louis Schenfeld – Infectious Diseases, Conemaugh Medical Center

7/14/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

SHEETZ CONNECTION

Sheetz Convenience Stores are investigating a possible link between tomatoes used in their stores and the salmonella outbreak. They say that nothing like this has ever happened in their 52-year history and that the tomatoes came from an out-of-state provider. Katie Collett reports on the latest.

1:00 – Package

Steve Sheetz – Sheetz president

7/14/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TREATMENT?

What is the treatment for Salmonella poisoning? If you had food from Sheetz, should you see a doctor? Who is most vulnerable to the disease?

:37 – SOT/VO

Dr. Louis Schedfeld – Infectious Diseases – Conemaugh

7/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

SOURCE INVESTIGATION

State Health officials now say there are 50 cases of the Salmonella outbreak. Katie Collett talked with Sheetz Company representatives to find out how their investigation is going. Coronet Foods supplied the suspect tomatoes.

1:08 – Package

Rich McGarvey – PA Department of Health

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SALMONELLA OUTBREAK . . . JULY

7/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

SHEETZ BUSINESS

When Sheetz found out they might be linked to this outbreak, they acted quickly. Natasha McBroom reports on how the salmonella is affecting business.

:46 – Package

Steve Sheetz – Sheetz Corporation

7/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

VICTIMS

How are the victims of the salmonella outbreak doing? We spoke to some who say they were pretty sick.

:35 – SOT/VO

Kim Rowland – Age 17

Tracy Melius – Had salmonella

7/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

RIDGE FOOD SUPPLY

The salmonella outbreak has some asking if terrorists could use our food supply as a weapon against America. But according to the Department of Homeland Security, prevention is in place.

:41 – SOT/VO

Tom Ridge – Homeland Security Secretary

7/15/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CORONET SOURCE

The 60 cases of salmonella have prompted a food supplier to quarantine some of its produce.

:46 – SOT/VO

Alicia Thayer – Coronet

7/15/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SHEETZ PROACTIVE

Sheetz has switched produce suppliers and pulled all Roma tomatoes suspected of causing the illness.

:50 – SOT/VO

Steve Sheetz – Sheetz Corporation

7/16/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Katie Collett

SALMONELLA LATEST

There have now been 70 cases of Salmonella poisoning reported in Pennsylvania. How do you know if you need to see a doctor for this? Katie Collette reports.

1:21 – Package

7/16/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

SHEETZ TESTING

Samples were taken from products from Sheetz stores to be tested for salmonella bacteria. Those tests are now complete. Natasha McBroom reports that all tests were negative for the bacteria. But that doesn't mean the disease didn't come from Sheetz foods.

1:02 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SALMONELLA OUTBREAK . . . JULY

7/16/04, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Ryan Leckey

ROMA TOMATOES

The Roma tomatoes linked to the salmonella outbreak continue to cause worries. However, plant experts say that the problem probably didn't start with the grower, but rather the people processing the tomatoes. Ryan Leckey reports.

:53 - Package

Ray Walyiko - Ray's Nurseries

7/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

RIDGE HOME SECURITY

The salmonella outbreak has many looking at whether the U.S. food source is safe. At the forefront of that discussion in Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge.

:30 - SOT/VO

Tom Ridge - Secretary, Homeland Security

7/16/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CORONET

The Coronet Company is currently under the microscope for selling the suspect tomatoes to Sheetz. But the company contends that the tomatoes involved in the investigation actually came from another supplier in Central Florida.

:34 - SOT/VO

Alicia Thayer - Coronet

7/16/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SHEETZ LAWSUITS

Lawsuits will be filed in connection with the outbreak of salmonella. An attorney, who represented people in Western Pennsylvania who acquired Hepatitis from a Chi-Chi's Restaurant near Pittsburgh has been contacted by local salmonella victims.

:59 - SOT/VO

Bill Marler - Taking patient cases

Joe Nypaver - Attorney

7/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Pam Kane

FOOD SAFETY / MEMO

The Food & Drug Administration issue a warning this past February to growers, shippers, and packers of fresh produce to take action to ensure safe products, particularly lettuce and tomatoes. Pam Kane reports.

1:15 - Package

Luke LaBorde - Food Safety Expert, Penn State

7/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

LATEST ON OUTBREAK

There are now 110 cases of Salmonella poisoning since last week. An unopened bag of Roma tomatoes from Sheetz in Greencastle has tested positive for the bacteria. Sara Burget reports.

1:20 - Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SALMONELLA OUTBREAK . . . JULY

7/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

LAW SUIT

The first lawsuit has been filed in the Salmonella outbreak. Natasha McBroom has reaction from Sheetz, who stands by their claim that their employees were not negligent.

:46 - Package

Stan Sheetz - Sheetz Corporation

Steve Sheetz - Sheetz Corporation

7/19/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

STRAIN DIFFERENCE

Coronet Foods is disputing the finding today by the Department of Health. They say the strain of Salmonella found in the unopened tomatoes from Sheetz was a different strain than has been found in those suffering from the outbreak.

:57 - VO

7/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

WRONG SALMONELLA

There are now 140 cases of salmonella poisoning. But the Pennsylvania Health Department says the strain found in tomatoes tested from Sheetz is not what made the victims sick. They cannot yet pinpoint the source. Sara Burget reports.

1:10 - Package

Richard McGarvey - PA State Health Department

7/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SALMONELLA UPDATE

The number of people sick from Salmonella poisoning has reached 170 and the spread of the outbreak has now reached Jefferson County.

:38 - VO

7/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SALMONELLA UPDATE

The State Health Department is now reporting up to 180 people are victims of the salmonella outbreak. The department says they may never know what caused the outbreak.

:30 - VO

7/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SALMONELLA SOURCE

The State Department of Health is saying they have finally pinned the Javiana strain of Salmonella to the Roma tomatoes sold at Sheetz stores.

:35 - VO

7/23/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SHEETZ COMMENTS

The CEO of Sheetz says the new information about the salmonella virus shows the risk has been eliminated and hopes consumer confidence is restored.

:36 - SOT/VO

Steve Sheetz - Sheetz CEO

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7/28/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SALMONELLA CASES

A second federal lawsuit has been filed against Coronet Foods by a man from Butler County who claims to have gotten ill from salmonella-infected food.

:27 - VO

7/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

NEW SALMONELLA

Pennsylvania health officials have identified a second strain of salmonella in the cases of food poisoning from Sheetz food.

:22 - VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SALMONELLA OUTBREAK . . . AUGUST

8/3/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Dave Roush

FOOD SAFETY

Because of the recent salmonella outbreak from Sheetz food, many people are wondering how safe the food is at the local county fair. Now that fair season has begun, Dave Roush reports on what is being done to make sure fair food is safe.

1:13 - Package

Larry Bickel - Concession Coordinator

8/11/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

TAINTED TOMATOES

The Tribune Review is reporting that the tomatoes that sickened 416 people who were Sheetz customers have been traced to farms in Florida and South Carolina.

:25 - VO

8/26/04, 12 AM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SALMONELLA CO CLEARED

Coronet Foods, the company that became the focus of the outbreak at Sheetz Convenience Stores says today it has been cleared by Federal investigators. Tests by the FDA last month found no evidence of bacteria at the Wheeling, West Virginia plant.

:30 - VO

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7/1/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

VFC CLOSE IMPACT

What happens if your neighborhood fire company goes out of business? That is a growing concern in Post Matilda. Gary Sinderson reports that it can have a big impact on your homeowner's insurance expenses.

:50 – Package

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

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7/5/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Audrey Laganas

CAR BUYING TIPS

Many people are afraid of buying a car. They fear they will get taken for more than the car is worth, or end up buying a lemon. Audrey Laganas has tips on car buying.

1:00 – Package

Tim Howes – Johnston & Wales University

7/7/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Julie Vallese

RECALL PROBLEMS

According to a new investigation, far too many products never get returned or repaired. Julie Vallese reports on why.

1:22 – Package

Tod Marks – Consumer Reports

Julie Vallese – Washington, D.C.

Hal Stratton – Consumer Product Protection Commission

7/8/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

METERS & MONEY

When you drop your money in a parking meter, are you getting the time you pay for? Channel 6 News timed 24 meters in Johnstown and surrounding areas to determine if the timers are accurate. The conclusion is that they work very well and do give accurate times. Katie Collett reports.

2:03 – Package

Jeff Silka – Johnstown City Manager

Dan Penatzer – Ebensburg Manager

7/14/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

VET BILLS

Caring for your pet can really add up, and now many are opting to get the same type of insurance to cover medical care for pets as for people. Is it worth the investment?

:32 – VO

7/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lindsey Arent

ID CHIPS

Most people have some kind of smart device, whether it's a building access pass or a key card. But many do not know that implanting a smart device may be in the future. Lindsey Arent reports.

1:00 – Package

James Lewis – Researcher

Dr. Lee Morgan – Georgetown Vet. Hospital

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7/16/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lea Thompson

ESCROW SERVICE

People are buying more big-ticket items through Internet classified and auction sites. It can be risky, so many people have turned to escrow services or third parties to protect their money during the transaction. But Lea Thompson warns that some so-called escrow services may be scams of their own.

1:52 – Package

Joe Bryant – Internet victim

Keith Lourdeau – FBI Cyber-Division

7/19/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

GAS GADGETS

NBC has investigated products claiming to increase gas mileage and found that they made very little difference.

:38 – SOT/VO

Les Rawdan – Garage owner

7/20/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ed Magnus

ONLINE COUPONS

There's a new twist to the old way of saving with coupons – going on-line. But searching for a bargain can be overwhelming. Ed Magnus reports on the best way to go about it.

1:47 – Package

Wally Konrad – Good Housekeeping

7/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

JOB SCAMS

One agency came to Johnstown today, saying they could help you snatch that federal job. But you have to pay. Is it too good to be true? Katie Collett investigated the career development agency backed by the New Jersey Department of Education.

1:20 – Package

Mike Bell – Recruiter, State National Training Service

Carl Altera – GM, State National Training Service

7/28/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

CELL DIRECTORY

Starting next year, cell phone numbers will be available through directory assistance. What does that mean for you? Will telemarketers be able to call you on your cell? Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:46 – Package

John Wells – Cellular Telecom

Derek Karchner – Congressional Aide

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUES JULY

TODAY

Monday, 7/12

TODAY talks to Mike Kiser, CEO of Canteen Vending, about the new high tech vending machine that offers healthier fare.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 7/14

Should private individuals be permitted to own tigers and other exotic animals? There are sometimes dangerous consequences for such ownership.

Nightly News

Thursday, 7/15

There has never been a better time to buy a car. Why?

Nightly News

Monday, 7/19

Chip Reid reports on hospital billing practices and why uninsured patients are sometimes charged more than those with insurance.

Dateline

Sunday, 7/25

Dateline reports on the latest crash testing conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The tests presented focus on frontal and side impact safety.

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8/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Pam Kane

GAS PRICES DOWN

Gas prices dropped over the weekend at select stores in Altoona causing some to wonder if this new downward trend is going to continue and what caused the price fall. Pam Kane reports.

1:04 – Package

Dan McMahon – Sheetz Exec. V.P.

8/9/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Chris Clackum

SUV ROLLOVER RESULTS

The government has done its 2004 model rollover tests for SUV's. Which did well and which need to make improvements? Chris Clackum reports.

1:38 – Package

Dr. Jeffrey Runge – NHTSA Administrator

8/9/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Amy Keller

SELF TANNERS

Self-tanners are safe but sometimes you end up orange instead of bronze. Amy Keller reports on how to get the best results.

1:50 – Package

8/10/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BUFFALO MEAT

Buffalo burgers and bison meat are gaining in popularity and experts say they provide more nutrition than beef.

:31 – SOT/VO

Rich Mashbitz – Northfork Bison

8/13/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MEAL REPLACEMENTS

Do meal replacement shakes and bars go too far in claiming great taste and solid nutrition?

1:44 – Package

8/13/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CHEAP TIVO

Because not too many people have ventured into the TIVO world and it's causing companies to slash prices on the equipment.

:39 – SOT/VO

Susan Cashen – TIVO

8/18/04, 5 PM / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

TAX BREAK ON SCHOOL STUFF

A state lawmaker wants to give Pennsylvania families a break on their back-to-school shopping. He has introduced a bill to eliminate the sales tax on small ticket student items for one week in August and January each year.

:30 – VO

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8/19/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

ANTIBACTERIAL

The market is flooded with products that promise to keep your family healthier by killing germs on contact. Does it work. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:56 – Package

Joyce Bowers – Executive Director

Dr. Richard Wozniak – Memorial Medical Center

8/19/04, 5 / 6 PM & 12 AM, Thursday Pam Kane

MILK PRICE IMPACT

We've all heard that milk prices are higher to benefit farmers. But are they really getting the money? Pam Kane reports.

:50 – Package

Abe Harpster – Evergreen Farms

Dennis Wolfe – PA Secretary of Agriculture

8/23/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Audrey Laganas

DIET COSTS

How can you find the right diet plan that will help you lose weight but not empty your wallet?

Audrey Laganas helps sort out the factors you need to consider.

2:36 – Package

Matt Cantillon – Dieting

Mary Anne Eaten – Johnson & Wales University

Kathy Campilio – Weight Watchers

Faith Hanson – Jenny Craig

8/23/04, 5 PM / 6 PM / 12 AM, Monday Ryan Leckey

U.S. AIR FLIGHTS

U.S. Airways plans on adding another commuter flight out of Johnstown, which comes as a relief for many passengers. Ryan Leckey reports on the importance and need for the added flights.

:56 – Package

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Nightly News

Monday, 8/9

Tom Costello reports on what you do if you're one of the 30 million Americans each year who has a dispute with his or her insurance company.

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9/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Edie Magnus

TRANS FAT

The manufacturers of some snack foods are trying to limit the amount of trans fats in their food. But how do these nutritionally correct snacks taste? Edie Magnus reports.

1:36 – Package

Delia Hammock, RD – Good Housekeeping

9/6/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Katie Collett

KAUFMAN GRIPES

Hundreds of brides say their dream of a perfect wedding was ruined by a local wedding store. Kaufmans, based in Altoona, has not had a good record of delivering dresses on time and has an unsatisfactory rating with the Better Business Bureau. Katie Collett reports.

:53 – Package

Tammy Blatt – Bride

9/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

KAUFMAN'S BANKRUPTCY

Channel 6 News has learned that Kaufman's Wedding World may have been forced into bankruptcy. A letter to some employees indicates their jobs will be ending. Katie Collett continues her investigation.

:57 – Package

Margaret Kaufman – Kaufman's Wedding World

9/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

KAUFMAN'S LATEST

A lawsuit has been filed by the State Attorney general's office against Kaufman's Wedding World along with a special injunction to freeze the store's assets and allow customers to get their apparel from the stores. Katie Collett reports.

1:02 – Package

Nichole Williams – Kaufman's Wedding World

Jerry Pappert - Attorney General

9/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

BRIDAL SHOPS RALLY

Channel 6 News has been contacted by other area bridal shops who are willing to help panicked brides who have not been able to get their dresses from Kaufman's. They will work extra hours to help out but customers may still have to pay for new dresses. Katie Collett reports.

:50 – Package

Sharon Honkus – Celestial Brides

Julie Kensinger – Landi's Bridal Elegance

9/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

SHEETZ BEER

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has given the okay for the new Sheetz Convenience Store along 17th Street to sell beer. However, the approval comes with a number of conditions. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:13 – Package

Rev. Gary Dull – Faith Baptist Church

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9/9/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

KAUFMAN SAGA

A judge has ordered all Kaufman's Bridal Stores to reopen Monday for 4 days so that customers can retrieve any pre-paid for apparel from their stores.

:55 - VO

9/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

KAUFMAN'S BANKRUPTCY

Channel 6 has learned that Kaufman's Wedding World has gone to Federal court to file Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Meanwhile, local brides continue to struggle in getting their merchandise from the stores.

:40 - VO/SOT

Dawn Howie - Kaufman's customer

9/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

KAUFMAN'S OPEN

Kaufman's Wedding World was forced to open their doors today so brides could get their dresses if they were in the stores. Many waited for hours to no avail. In the Johnstown store, as of 5:00 p.m., not a single bride was able to retrieve a dress. Katie Collett reports.

:58 - Package

Bobby Jo Shank - Bride

Barry Creany - Deputy Attorney General

Sandy McHugh - Mother of The Bride

9/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

AIRLINE CONSUMERS

With U.S. Airways operating a major hub in Pittsburgh, many area travelers are concerned that their tickets won't be any good. But Denise Douglas reports that despite the airline filing for bankruptcy, all flights and daily operations are still continuing.

1:03 - Package

David Kaylor - Nittany Travel

Cheryl Young - U.S. Airways customer

Donald Campbell - U.S. Airways customer

Charles Welch - Centre County Airport Authority

9/15/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NATIONAL FUEL COSTS

National Fuel Gas Company may soon be asking its customers to shell out more money for services. They now have an additional 23 million dollars in operating costs because they must replace gas lines in the Sylvan Heights area where a house blew up several weeks ago.

:32 - VO

9/16/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

KAUFMAN'S CLOSE

Kaufman's Wedding World closed today. The chain gave 600 gowns to the bride's who has already paid for them, but 500 brides filed complaints because even though they prepaid, Kaufman's didn't have their gowns.

:30 - VO

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9/20/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Getting your hair done at a salon with highlights can be great, but it can also be very expensive. How can you get highlights without getting clipped. Jen Kallin reports.

1:20 – Package

Karen Raven - Good Housekeeping Institute

Linda Barry – Tester

9/21/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Julie Vallese

CREDIT SCORES

A new report by the Consumer Federation of America found that many consumers do not know their credit scores or how they affect their financial future. Julie Vallese reports on why it is important to know.

1:27 – Package

Stephen Brobeck – Consumer Federation of America

9/13/04, 5 / 11 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

ENERGY COSTS

Gas prices have risen 5 to 10 cents a gallon from just a few days ago. With the travel season over, why is the cost continuing to rise? Sara Burget reports it is a result of supply and demand.

:52 – Package

Dr. Frank Viggiano – Consumer Issues

9/23/04, 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

HOME HEATING

Now is the time to get your home ready for winter heating. Sara Burget reports on what you should be doing and how to reduce your heating bill this winter.

:48 – Package

Frank Viggiano – Consumer Issues

9/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Dave Roush

MARKER FLAP

A Clearfield woman was told she could not buy a fabric marker today at a Wal-Mart in DuBois because she was with two 17-year-old friends. The marker was considered an inhalant, and the store does not sell them to minors. The woman thinks that's just a little too much regulation. Dave Roush reports.

:57 – Package

Stephanie Simanic – DuBois

9/28/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

PHONE SCAM

A new phone scam has hit the area and it is costing victims hundred of dollars. Katie Collett has the details and cautions everyone not to give out their bank account numbers.

1:23 – Package

Christy Shaak – Phone scam victim

Cindy Mulhollen – Phone scam victim

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9/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HEATING PRICES

Heating your home could cost you big time this year. Last year, the price of heating oil was higher than ever. This year, prices are higher yet. Mark Allen reports.

1:14 – Package

A new phone scam has hit the area and it is costing victims hundred of dollars. Katie Collett has the details and cautions everyone not to give out their bank account numbers.

1:23 – Package

9/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

BANK ACCOUNT SCAM

Someone is calling people claiming they're with the government and that they want to give you a grant. They ask for your bank account number and that is when they get what they need to steal your money. Katie Collett reports on what we have learned about this scam.

:52 – Package

Christy Shaak – Phone scam victim

Cindy Mulhollen – Phone scam victim

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Dateline

Sunday, 9/26

Dateline's Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson reports on the sanitary conditions at some of the leading chains of "casual dining" restaurants in the country. The report will include information about the number of critical violations health inspectors recorded at these chains.

For this report, Dateline surveyed leading restaurant chains including:

Applebee's	Bob Evans	Chili's
Denny's	Outback	Red Lobster
TGI-Fridays	IHOP	Ruby Tuesday's
Waffle House		

--The survey included all 50 states plus Washington, D.C

--Mold and grime buildup, vermin, cross contamination, and unacceptable preparation temperatures were among the violations that Dateline examined.

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7/6/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

REACTION TO DEMOCRATIC TICKET

John Kerry has chosen John Edwards as a running mate for the Presidential political race. The decision is being applauded by local Democratic leaders. Mark Allen reports.

:50 – Package

Ray Wrabley – Political analyst

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

7/6/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

PEOPLE REACT TO VP

While John Kerry's choice for Vice President is big news in political circles, many local voters aren't sure yet what to think of the choice. Mark Allen reports.

:40 – Package

Roseanne Kelper – Ebensburg

Christie Greene – Nanty Glo

Diane Baligush – Jackson Township

7/6/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

RENDELL REACTION

Governor Ed Rendell was one of the Democrats mentioned as a possible running mate for Kerry. But the governor had no hard feelings about Edwards' being chosen.

:33 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

7/6/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Karen Welles

PA BATTLEGROUND

Pennsylvania is a key state in the Presidential election. It is considered a swing state, voting Republican one year and Democratic 4 years later. Many think that the Democrats can't win without Pennsylvania. Karen Welles reports.

1:18 – Package

Bill Green – WPXI Political Analyst

Tom Flahery – Democratic Party

Michael O'Connell – Republican Committee

7/6/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CASEY ON EDWARDS

Pennsylvania Auditor General Robert Casey says that Sen. Edwards is a perfect choice for Vice-President.

:38 – SOT/VO

Bob Casey – PA Auditor General

7/14/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SHUSTER ETHICS

The House Ethics Committee has cleared Representative Bill Shuster of accusations that he paid a former congressional aide to spy on his Primary opponent.

:40 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

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7/27/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

VOTE WEBSITE

Some high school students in a Penn State-sponsored class have developed a website with a younger theme in mind to help young voters understand the politics of the presidential election and encourage them to vote.

:36 – SOT/VO

Michael Eisnhart – P.S. U. Vote

7/27/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SPECTER ON CONVENTIONS

The Democratic Convention got off to a roaring start Monday night with an address from former President Clinton. Now area Republicans are talking about the event.

:36 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

7/27/04, 56 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

LOCAL DELEGATES

A group of leaders from West Central Pennsylvania are on the floor of the Democratic Convention and share their thoughts on how it is going and what will emerge as the platform. Katie Collett reports.

1:15 – Package

Scott Conklin – (D) Centre County

7/29/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOEFFEL ON CONVENTION

Joe Hoeffel is out to unseat Senator Arlen Specter and is working hard at the Democratic Convention to forge a plan that can convince America that a change is needed.

:35 – SOT/VO

Joe Hoeffel – Senator hopeful (D)

7/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

REPUBLICAN REAX TO KERRY

What did area Republicans think about John Kerry's speech? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:12 – Package

Charlie Weston – WRTA, 1240 AM

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

7/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sara Burget

CONVENTION REAX - DEMOCRATS

Democrats in our area think Kerry did an excellent job laying out his plan for the country. Sara Burget reports.

:58 – Package

Bill Joseph – Democratic Chairman Cambria County

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

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TODAY

Monday, 7/12

TODAY talks with voters across the country about which issues they are most concerned about in the upcoming election.

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8/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

DEMOCRATIC CONCERT TOUR

A series of nationwide concerts that team up music and politics will be coming to the Bryce Jordan Center in October. The "Vote For Change" Tour is a campaign against President Bush and hopes to accomplish its goal by signing up more young voters. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 – Package

Jayson Harpster – Penn State Student

Sarah Reed – Young voter

8/11/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

RX DRUG PLAN

Presidential candidate John Kerry that his plan to make prescription drugs more affordable includes allowing imports from Canada. Natasha McBroom ask area residents what they think of the idea.

:48 – Package

8/18/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HOEFFEL TOUR

A new poll shows Democratic challenger Joe Hoeffel is far behind in his bid to unseat incumbent Arlen Specter in the PA Senate race.

:33 – SOT/VO

Rep. Joe Hoeffel – (D) Senate candidate

8/23/04, 12 AM, Monday Ryan Leckey

MOVEON.ORG

A political action committee made a stop in Johnstown today with a message that everyone needs to get out and vote. They are pro-Kerry and believe that many more people want a change than poll takers ever talk to. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:02 – Package

Jonathan Sclarsic – P.A.C.

Lisa Kramer – Johnstown

8/26/04, 5 PM Thursday Jen Kallin

HOEFFEL PLAN

Senate hopeful Joe Hoeffel announced plans for economic changes while on a walking tour of Johnstown today. He is calling for the creation of more manufacturing jobs in small towns. And better roads.

:41 – SOT/VO

Rep. Joe Hoeffel – Candidate, U.S. Senate

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9/1/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SANTORUM SPEECH

Tonight, PA Senator Rick Santorum addressed the delegates to the Republican Convention. His message tonight was about building strong families.

:52 - VO / SOT

Sen. Rick Santorum - (R) Pennsylvania

9/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DEM HQ VANDALS

For the third time in a week, Centre County's Democratic Party Headquarters was hit by vandalism.

:25 - VO

9/7/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

GEIST OFFICE

State representative Rick Geist opened his campaign headquarters in Altoona today with the slogan "Rick works for me."

:27 - VO

9/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

WHY NOT BLAIR

Many in the battleground state of Pennsylvania are wondering why President Bush would come to Democratic Cambria County instead of Republican stronghold Blair County. Natasha McBroom reports on the campaign's new strategy.

1:06 - Package

John Urban - Chairman Republican Committee

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

9/7/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CORMAN ON BUSH

The trip to Johnstown for President Bush marks a change in his election strategy from the last campaign when he stuck to major cities.

:36 - VO/SOT

Sen. Jake Corman - (R) 34th District

9/9/04, 4:22 - 6:10 PM PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic, Denise Douglas, Gary Sinderson,
Natasha McBroom, Katie Collett

PRESIDENT BUSH COMES TO JOHNSTOWN

Channel 6 News provided team coverage of President George Bush's campaign trip to Johnstown. Coverage included his address to the rally at the Johnstown War Memorial, his arrival and departure, protest activity outside the War Memorial, and reaction to the speech afterwards. Coverage began at 4:22 pm and concluded at 6:10 pm.

1 hour 48 min - Wall to Wall Coverage

President George W. Bush - Candidate

Bill Shuster - PA Representative

Cassie Hershberger - Westmont

Alec Koontz - Westmont

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9/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

READY SET VOTE

Ready Set Vote is the name of a new voting campaign that state officials hope will get Pennsylvanians out to the polls this November. It targets young people.

:44 – SOT/VO

9/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BUSH SPEECH

The visit by President Bush to Johnstown this afternoon was the first visit by a sitting president in decades. Here are the highlights of his speech where he made his position on the issues of this campaign clear.

1:11 – Package

President George Bush – Candidate

9/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

BLAIR REAX

Republicans from Blair County chartered a bus to come see the President, and they said they were not disappointed. Natasha McBroom reports on their reaction to his speech.

:45 – Package

Bernie Watt – Republican

9/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BUSH PROTESTS

Not everyone was happy to see President Bush visit the area today. Protesters gathered outside the War Memorial to make their disapproval known.

:43 – SOT/VO

9/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SPEECH REACTION

Many Bush supporters say the President really connected with the audience today. We caught up with some to get their reactions.

:31 – SOT/VO

9/10/04, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

BUSH BOUNCE

President Bush's visit to Johnstown was meant to capture the undecided and swing vote. According to his supporters locally, he is well on his way to doing just that. Denise Douglas reports.

:55 – Package

Rob Gleason – Cambria County GOP

9/10/04, 6 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

BUSH REAX

One of the speakers that captured lots of attention at yesterday's rally is a registered Democrat who says he is voting for President Bush. Denise Douglas reports.

:52 – Package

Bill Polacek – Johnstown Welding

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9/14/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

HANDICAPPED VOTING

A new Federal mandate was passed by Congress to make sure all people who want to vote can, including those who are blind or deaf.

:33 – VO/SOT

Richard Stahl – Huntingdon County Planner

9/16/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

BUSH REIMBURSE

Who should pay the \$10,000 bill for President Bush's visit to Johnstown? City officials say the cost hurts their budget. And now the Democrats are coming to town. City officials want reimbursed from the political parties.

:44 – VO/SOT

Curt Davis – Assistant City Manager

9/16/04, 11 PM, Thursday Nancy Lee

SMALL TOWN & PRESIDENT

Captain Foust of the City Police Department says the city doesn't have enough money to put into another major event without being reimbursed. But the Secret Service says extra security is required for all campaign visits. Who is responsible for footing the bill? Nancy Lee reports.

1:34 – Package

9/16/04, 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

DEM CHAIR

With Theresa Heinz Kerry coming to State College tonight, the Democrats in Centre County feel the visit will give a huge boost to their candidate.

:40 – VO/SOT

Bob Shepard – County Democratic Chair

9/16/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

DEMOCRATIC VISITS

Leading Republicans are saying that they don't know why Mrs. Kerry would come to Central Pennsylvania because her values don't reflect the values and belief systems of the people here.

:31 – VO/SOT

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

9/16/04, 11 PM, Thursday Denise Douglas

HEINZ KERRY SPEAKS

Teresa Heinz Kerry rocked Schwab Auditorium on the Penn State Campus tonight. She explained her husband's position on the issues and really connected with students. Denise Douglas reports.

1:15 – Package

Teresa Heinz Kerry – Sen. John Kerry's wife

Amar Vasu – Penn State student

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9/16/04, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

KERRY PROTESTERS

While Teresa Heinz Kerry worked the greeting line outside Schwab Auditorium, protestors shouted their support for President Bush, just a few feet away from her.

:35 – VO/SOT

Josh Gallaher – Kerry protester

9/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

POL VISITS

As candidates visit our city trying to persuade the undecided to vote for them, Channel 6 News wondered how well these visits work. Sara Burget talked to a local political professor to see what the results of the visits appear to be.

1:06 – Package

Professor Ray Wrabley – Political Science, IUP

9/22/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DEMOCRATIC DINNER

Blair County Democrats emphasized the need to vote and the importance of every single vote at a dinner rally tonight.

:30 – VO/SOT

Lieutenant Governor – Catherine Baker Knoll

9/23/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SHUSTER CHALLENGER

Paul Polites is running against Representative Bill Shuster for the 9th District. He talked with members of the United Steel Workers tonight to explain his platform issues which include the economy and jobs.

:59 – VO/SOT

Paul Polites – 9th District Candidate

9/23/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

JUBELIRER RECOUNT

Gov. Ed Rendell presented a proposal to the General Assembly today to do automatic recounts of ballots if the elected margin is less than half of a percentage point.

:42 – VO/SOT

Sen. Robert Jubelirer – (R) 30th District

9/24/04, 5 / 5:30 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

VOTING BALLOTS

In November, 11 counties in Pennsylvania will cast their ballots using a punch card like the one that caused all the trouble in Florida four years ago. Will there be problems here in Pennsylvania? Denise Douglas reports.

1:19 – Package

Joyce McKinley – Office Of Elections

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9/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration offices in our viewing area are seeing a big increase in people registering to vote. Why? Sara Burget reports that there is a sophisticated and major effort by a lot of political organizations to sign up new voters.

1:01 – Package

Prof. Ray Wrabley – Political Science

9/27/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ELDER ABUSE

One of the candidates for State Attorney General thinks elderly abuse should be a major issue in the upcoming election.

:54 – VO/SOT

Tom Corbett – (R) Atty Gen. Candidate

9/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

DEBATE INTEREST

Tomorrow, it's the Super bowl of politics as President Bush debates Democratic challenger John Kerry. People in Johnstown are expressing a mixed bag of feelings about watching the debate. Mark Allen reports.

:54 – Package

Dr. Joseph Melusky – St. Francis University

9/28/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

VOTING IMPROVEMENTS

The push is on to get as many voters registered for the November election as possible. Behind the scenes, the new Federal and State regulations could be adding up for tax payers from all this registration. Gary Sinderson reports.

:42 – Package

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Election Director

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

9/29/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Denise Douglas

ELECTION TRAINING

Centre County hopes to ensure that Election Day goes smoothly this year. Classes begun today for poll workers to make sure everyone is aware of any new regulations. Denise Douglas reports on the importance of the classes.

:48 – Package

Beverly Houtz – Election Poll Worker

9/30/04, 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

The stage is set tonight for the presidential debate. Will people in this area be watching? Gary Sinderson reports.

:29 – Package

Robert Novak – CNN Commentator

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9/30/04, 11 PM, Thursday Denise Douglas

MOCK ELECTION

The jury is still out on who won tonight's presidential debate. But people throughout the area are weighing in with their opinions on how it went tonight. Denise Douglas reports.

:55 – Package

Mary Jane Rudakewich – Tyrone resident

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PA SLOT MACHINES . . . JULY

7/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SLOTS VOTE

It is up to the House now that the PA Senate passed a bill to legalize slot machines. The vote came after months of closed-door negotiations and hours of debate. But not all senators are happy with the passage.

:36 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jubelier – PA Senate President

7/2/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HOUSE SLOTS VOTE

The State's House Republican leader says he is 99 per cent certain the slots bill will pass, but the House won't vote on the bill until they can also consider companion legislation to distribute a million dollars per year to school districts.

:29 – VO

7/2/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

BINGO WORRIES

One group that could be affected by the addition of slot machines in Pennsylvania is volunteer fire companies that host bingo games to raise money.

:37 – VO

7/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

SLOTS / PROPERTY TAXES

Governor Ed Rendell signed new legislation today allowing slot machines at several locations across the state. Homeowners stand to gain because the revenue from the slots will be used for property tax relief. Mark Allen reports.

1:00 – Package

Tom Yost – Homeowner

7/5/04, 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

BUSINESSES SLOTS

There is some concern today over the proliferation of slots in the State. Some say the gambling could lead to an increase in many social problems. Others are excited about playing the machines close to home.

:46 – SOT/VO

Bob Bennett – Johnstown

Jean Stonebraker – Johnstown

7/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SLOTS SIGNING

Governor Ed Rendell is very pleased with the passage of the slots bill. He says one million Pennsylvanians gamble, and the State has been losing about 4 million dollars to surrounding States. He says the profit generated will have a positive impact on the State.

:48 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

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7/6/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

COMMISSIONERS ON SLOTS

After some serious debates, slot machines are coming to Pennsylvania. It will be another year before they are ready to start ringing in the dough, but some local politicians believe our region won't reap any benefits from slots.

Donna Cority – Blair County Commissioner

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioners

7/6/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SLOTS AND LAWMAKERS

Pennsylvania lawmakers may have hit the jackpot by legalizing slot machines in the state.

Lawmakers and other political officials are permitted to own up to one per cent of any of the 14 planned parlors across the state. That could be worth \$30 million dollars per year.

:32 – VO

7/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER SLOTS

Now that slots will soon be one of Pennsylvania's attractions, some wonder what is next.

Representative Jerry Stern expects to see requests for things like gaming tables and video poker.

:52 – SOT/VO

Rep. Jerry Stern – (R) 80th District

7/19/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SLOT OWNERS

The lawmakers who voted two weeks ago to legalize slot machines in Pennsylvania now want to bar public officials from having any financial interest in the gaming industry.

:26 – VO

7/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

SALES TAX HEARING

Slot machines coming to Pennsylvania are promising billions of dollars in new revenue. What will that mean for tax bills? State legislators are introducing some new ideas and holding hearing on one of the more controversial proposals that eliminates property taxes all together. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 – Package

Jon Eich – State House candidate

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7/1/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BLIGHTED HOUSES

Johnstown City Manager Jeff Silka is sending code officers to walk the streets of the city looking for dilapidated houses before they become too hazardous.

:48 - SOT/VO

Jeff Silka - Johnstown City Manager

7/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

FIRE SCHOOL SNACS

Plans for a regional firefighter-training center in Centre County are running into unexpected delays. It's hoped that a state-funding boost will help cut some of the red tape. Gary Sinderson reports.

:43 - Package

Chris Exhachos - Centre County Commissioner

7/2/04, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MURTHA NDIC

The recent shake-up at the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown may have some wondering if the agency might move out of Johnstown. After Director Mike Horn was removed from his position, the Justice Department is continuing their investigation into charges of gross mismanagement.

:42 - SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 12th District

7/2/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PA BUDGET

Gov. Ed Rendell is considering putting thousands of State workers on unpaid furlough if he and the State legislature don't reach an agreement on a new budget soon.

:24 - VO

7/2/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL BILL VETO

Governor Ed Rendell has shot down a bill that would have given area schools funding even if Pennsylvania didn't have a new budget. It would have averted a situation like we had last year with schools using their savings or borrowing money when the budget was delayed.

:48 - SOT/VO

Rep. David Hickernell - (R) Lancaster County

7/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

COUNTY BUDGETS

After the last minute rush in Harrisburg to get the budget signed, local governments will be sorting through it to figure out what is actually there for them. County officials statewide are among those hoping that there is added funding for them this year after the struggle they had last year.

Gary Sinderson reports.

1:24 - Package

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

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7/5/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

BUILDING CODE CHANGES

New legislation awaiting the Governor's signature calls for simplifying the home repair process when it comes to the Uniform Construction Code.

:34 – VO

7/6/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

PA BUDGET / LIBRARIES

Under the governor's new budget, Pennsylvania libraries will get 10 million dollars more than last year. But that is still nearly 18 million less than libraries got in 2001 and 2002.

:37 – SOT/VO

Lyn Meek – Cambria County Libraries

7/6/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BOND STATUS

The Cambria County Commissioners are trying to save taxpayers some money by meeting with Standard and Poor's in New York to request a better bond rating. The county pays thousands every year because of a poor junk bond rating.

:38 – SOT/VO

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

7/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

WATER DISPUTE

Two longtime supervisors in Susquehanna Township have quit after two years of fighting over water sources in the township. Residents there are concerned they will be forced to use water supplied by Northern Cambria instead of their private wells. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:14 – Package

Joe Vozar – Former supervisor

7/8/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BOND TRIP

Cambria County Commissioners say that county layoffs and budget cuts should help persuade Standards & Poors to upgrade Cambria County's bond rating.

:27 – VO

7/8/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CHAMBER BREAKFAST

The mayor of Johnstown told the Blair County Chamber of Commerce that improving a community goes beyond what leaders do; it involves citizens jumping in and helping too.

:49 – SOT/VO

Mayor Don Zucco – Johnstown

7/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

CAMBRIA COUNTY BONDS

The Cambria County Commissioners held an informational meeting this afternoon one day after their trip to New York in an effort to increase the county's bond rating. They believe there is a good chance of that working out because they plan to reassess property values. Sophia Wharton reports.

:53 – Package

P. J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

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7/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

CITY AUTHORITY BIDS

Should the Altoona City Water Authority be sold to a private company? So many citizens are concerned about the issue, the committee members researching the options wanted everyone to know just what has happened so far and that no decision has yet been made. Natasha McBroom reports.

:40 – Package

Cory Gehret – Committee member

7/21/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

LIBRARY HOURS

Another series of cuts are in the future for the Altoona Public Library. Their problem was depending too much on state funding.

:44 – SOT/VO

Deborough Weakland – Altoona Library

7/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SANTORUM ON 911

Lawmakers from our region are speaking out on Capitol Hill about the findings of the 911 Commission. In fact, one senator is making suggestions of his own.

:37 – SOT/VO

Rick Santorum – PA Senator

7/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

LOGAN COPS DISPUTE

A former Logan Township supervisor is speaking out in support of Police Chief Ron Heller whose probationary period has been extended.

:35 – SOT/VO

Jim Patterson – Former supervisor

7/23/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CAMBRIA REASSESSES

The Cambria County Commissioners are moving forward with the property tax reassessment plan, saying that it has been proven that a fair tax base through research will reverse the trend of population loss and decline.

:46 – SOT/VO

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

7/28/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

BLIGHT

When the city of Johnstown found a home this week in deplorable condition, they moved quickly to condemn the house. How many more homes like this one are standing empty in the city and what is being done about it? Sara Burget reports

1:08 – Package

Nancy Barrett – Code Enforcement .

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7/28/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

JOHNSTOWN BLIGHT

Old abandoned buildings that have turned into eyesores in the city of Johnstown could be torn down. That is the plan offered from Johnstown's mayor. Katie Collett reports.

1:09 – Package

Mayor Donata Zucco – Johnstown

Megan Hernandez – Johnstown

Ray Hillegas - Johnstown

7/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

CITIES & BLIGHT

Tearing down old abandoned buildings to make your area safer and look better is a good idea but it comes with a price tag. There is a lot to consider when starting a program to tear down the eyesores. Katie Collett reports.

:57 – Package

Jeff Silka – Johnstown City Manager

7/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

CENTRE BUDGET

Centre County's budget concerns are growing. Now county leaders are saying that they're doing their best to avoid layoffs or cutbacks in services. The Commissioners say that increasing costs are draining the reserve funds. Gary Sinderson reports.

:45 – Package

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

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8/2/04, 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

PROPERTY TAX PUSH

County commissioners from across the state are in Pittsburgh this week for their annual meeting and topping their agenda, getting state approval to lower property taxes and institute a sales or income tax.

:50 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

8/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

FISH GAME MERGER

Pennsylvania is the last state in the country using separate agencies to regulate hunting and fishing. Merging them was seen as a possible money saver, but lawmakers say that the opposition is huge. Gary Sinderson reports.

:40 – Package

Douglas Austen – PA Fish Commission Director

Rep. James Lynch – (R) Warren County

8/3/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

MURTHA ON RIDGE

Just days ago, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced that he is considering stepping down. But Congressman John Murtha says we need a man like Ridge in that office who has experience in the executive branch.

:37 – SOT/VO

John Murtha – (D) Pennsylvania

8/3/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

JOHNSTOWN BUILDINGS

Johnstown's City Council admits they have some blighted properties that need taken care of, but there are criteria that has to be met to use federal funds to demolish buildings and they need permission from the landowners.

:36 – SOT/VO

Jeff Silka – Johnstown City Manager

8/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET JUDGE SEAT

Governor Ed Rendell has nominated a Harrisburg man to fill a vacant judge seat in Somerset County even though he does not live in the county and is not qualified. Some say it is a move to keep the seat open until his first choice is approved. Meanwhile, cases are stacking up in Somerset.

:49 – SOT/VO

Kathy Riley – Court administrator

8/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

COUNTY CARS

Centre County Commissioners are denying that anybody's job was threatened over county vehicles and who was using them for their own private lives.

:44 – SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner